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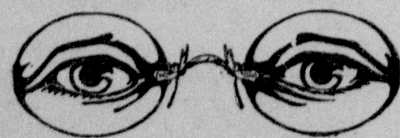
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Disarmament, Ending with General Complete Dis-
armament Except Insofar as Arms Are Needed
for Police Purposes in the Future.**

OFFERED TO EXCUSE GRAND JUROR TODAY

**JUDGE SAID ANY WHO LACKED
THE COURAGE TO INDICT
SHOULD STATE
SO NOW.**

By Associated Press.
Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 11.—Indications of sensational disclosures in the special grand jury investigation of the death of William Chaney, who was mysteriously shot and killed late Wednesday night, were contained in the charge of Circuit Judge Sorrells to the jury which was convened this morning.

"If any member of this jury feels that he lacks the courage to vote indictments in this case regardless of the prominence of the persons shown to be involved, I want to excuse him now," the judge said.

The arrest of James Reidinger, former deputy sheriff and constable, came within an hour after the grand jury convened. He was held charged with first degree murder. It is known that a similar warrant was issued against a man prominent in business circles here who left Pine Bluff the morning after the murder. The officers decline to say whether the man was located.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.
By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 11.—Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is under martial law, according to an official announcement from the Rumanian legation. The step is the result of disorders in the city which culminated Thursday in the explosion of a bomb in the senate.

OFFICIALLY INVITED.
By Associated Press.
Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—Official notification of the result of the plebiscite in Greece and invitation to returned to Athens to ascend the Greek throne immediately was received by former King Constantine this morning.

ADVICE FROM HARVEY.
By Associated Press.
Marion, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Senator Harding today heard from Colonel George Harvey suggestions for a new American foreign policy including the formation of an association of nations. Col. Harvey is one of Mr. Harding's closest advisers in formulating the campaign of policies toward the Versailles league.

DECLINE IN COST.
By Associated Press.
Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 11.—A slight decline in the cost of the weekly family budget of staple foods in Canada is announced by the Labor Department. The average cost was \$15.33 at the middle of October, as against \$15.95 in September; \$14.21 in October of last year and \$7.93 in October of 1914. The general price movement continued downward.

GREEK REFUGEES.
By Associated Press.
Saloniki, Dec. 11.—Twenty thousand Greek refugees from Russia are on their way here and are to be cared for in a camp outside the city. The first shipload of 3,000 arrived recently and a like number will come each week.

The refugee work is in the hands of the American Red Cross. The Greek government will allot to these refugees land in Macedonia and will give them on credit livestock and agricultural implements for which they must pay in several years. The land will be free.

By Associated Press.
Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—Disarmament in three stages was the substance of the recommendation of the committee on armaments of league of nations made to the assembly as the result of deliberations. The first stage would be marked by agreement among the powers to make no further increases in armaments. The second stage recommended the procedure of gradual reduction of armaments. The third stage is general and complete disarmament, except insofar as arms are needed for police purposes. Viscount Ishii of the Japanese delegation declared at the meeting of the armaments committee when disarmament came under discussion that Japan cannot reduce her armaments as long as the United States is increasing hers. The commission on technical organizations decided to send the United States a special invitation to name a member of the international advisory commission which is to study the question of the opium traffic. The commission will also carry out provisions relating to the opium traffic which are embodied in the Versailles treaty.

To Appoint Representative.
Washington, Dec. 11.—A resolution requesting President Wilson to appoint an American representative to meet with the league of nations commission considering disarmament was presented and advocated in the senate today by Senator Walsh (Democrat) of Montana.

May Cut Recess Short.
Washington, Dec. 11.—Congress, or at least the house, may forego most of the Christmas recess this year to expedite its work. Members of the house steering committee said today it was the intention to adjourn Thursday, December 3, resume work the following Monday and adjourn Thursday before New Year's day, returning to work the following Monday.

JUDGE HAMILTON DEAD.
By Associated Press.
Greenville, Texas, Dec. 11.—Judge James Hamilton, of Dismore, a well-known Texas attorney and United States consul in Cuba under the administration of President Cleveland, died at his home last night of heart trouble.

FOR FOREIGN TRADE.
By Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 11.—The foreign trade conference in session here voted today to proceed at once with the organization of the Foreign Trade Corporation capitalized at \$100,000,000 under the provisions of the Edge act.

PRICES TUMBLED.
By Associated Press.
Port Worth, Texas Dec. 11.—Bread, butter and milk tumbled in price here today. Bread is back to 10c a loaf, milk 10c a pint and butter 60c a pound. These prices are the lowest since 1916.

COLLEGE CHESS.
By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—The first series of the inter-collegiate chess matches to be held in Texas were won by the University of Texas Chess Club which defeated a team from Texas A. & M. by a score of 8 to 2. Five men from each team played two games each. The matches were held in Austin recently.

MICHIGAN SOLONS.
By Associated Press.
Lansing, Mich. Dec. 11.—Michigan's all-Republican state legislature will convene January 5. The session will be the first one in recent years in which the democratic party is not represented. Two democrats were members of the last legislature but neither of them made the run this year.

CHARGES OF MURDER AGAINST BOATMAN

**FEELING INTENSE AND MAY BE
REMOVED TO JONES.
BORO JAIL FOR
SAFETY.**

By Associated Press.
Lepanto, Ark., Dec. 11.—B. S. Chambers, owner of a house boat on Little River, is held in the Lepanto jail on charges of murder in connection with the fatal wounding yesterday of W. R. Shields, deputy sheriff, and the death of Boss Todd, a farmer, said to have been killed aboard Chambers' boat Thursday night. Poses are searching for Charles Jones, alleged to have been implicated in the shooting. Feeling here is intense. It is announced that Chambers probably will be moved late today to the jail at Jonesboro for safe keeping.

DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE.
By Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 11.—All the villages in the Tapeleni district of southern Albania have been destroyed by a violent earthquake, according to an Avlona message to the Tempo today. Two hundred persons are reported killed and 15,000 made homeless.

BOOKS FOR HOMES.
By Associated Press.
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 11.—This city has been chosen as headquarters for the Southwest Library association, whose purpose is to put books in every home in the southwest.

SHIPS FROM RIGA.
By Associated Press.
Riga, Latvia, Dec. 11.—American shipping agents have recently visited Riga and say it is likely that regular sailings of American ships between America and the Baltic ports will be inaugurated providing passenger as well as freight service. Reval, Riga, Libau, Memel and Dantzic have become centers from which the large Jewish emigration from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia is moving, or preparing to move toward America.

Since the war only one American merchant ship, the Wheeling Mold, has visited the port of Riga. It carried chiefly Red Cross and relief supplies and called at most of the important Baltic ports.

PICK TEXAS NINE.
By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—Coach Billy Disch, under whose direction Texas University baseball teams have lead the Southwestern Conference for several seasons, faces a difficult task in the selection of the University nine for next season.

Disch said that his infield, outfield and pitching staff have been disrupted and that he will not know what material is available for building a practically new team until the weather becomes suitable for tryouts. The loss of "Bib" Falk, the hitting pitcher who went to the Chicago White Sox at the close of the last collegiate season, George McCullough and Bobbie Cannon, good hitters and fast infielders, was a hard blow to the team. Coach Disch said that it is too early even to intimate where he will attempt to place men or to decide what men he will attempt to use. He said, however, that he is counting upon getting some material from this season's football and basketball teams.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, May, 4th 1920, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$2,061,689.91
United States Bonds 237,050.00
Other Bonds and Securities 2,401.47
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 12,000.00
Redemption Fund with
U. S. Treasurer 10,000.00
Banking House, Furniture
and Fixtures 60,000.00
Interest earned, not collected,
approximate 5,837.40
Cash and Exchange 1,450,437.89
Total \$3,829,416.67

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock \$200,000.00
Surplus Fund 200,000.00
Undivided Profits, net 51,971.96
Unearned Interest
approximate 27,864.04
Reserved for Taxes 9,007.33
Circulation 189,800.00
Rediscouunts 28,000.00
Other Liabilities 6,387.68
Deposits 3,110,386.66
Total \$3,829,416.67

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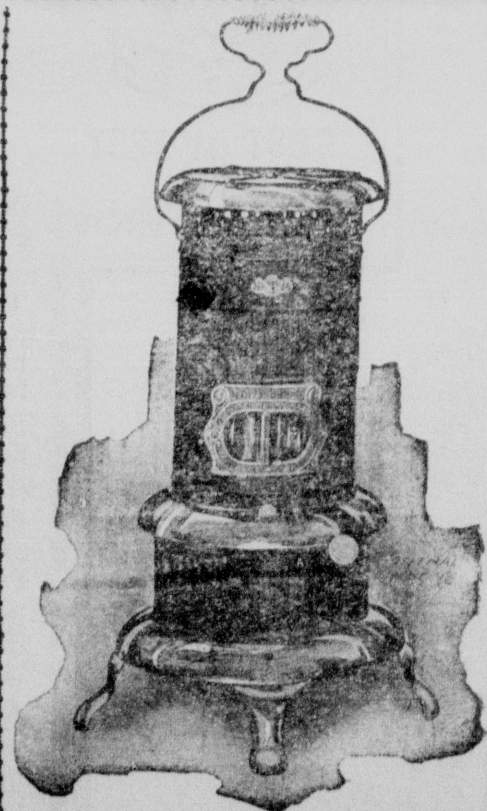
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HARMONY.

The noted Mexican Estado Mayor band which played in front of the federal building last night was not only worth hearing, but its work served as an object lesson to the people of the border. The dominant feature of the band was its perfect harmony, and the harmony that is being brought about between the two countries will result in great good to the people of both.

The visit of the wonderful band will go far toward increasing the harmony that has been so evident since the inception of the new government last summer. No effort has been spared by the government under Provisional President de la Huerta to neutralize the pernicious efforts of the former regime, with its "gringo-hating" element bent upon doing all it could to create animosity.

The relations between the two countries were never more cordial than at the present moment. This is due in some measure to the efforts of the Americans, who have shown a desire to resume friendly relations of an unofficial sort pending the action of our government as to official recognition.

One reason for the delay in recognition is the knowledge that a grave mistake was made in recognizing the Carranza regime. It is doubtless the desire of the administration to avoid further mistakes of the same nature, and to be certain that the new government is based upon more solid foundations than its predecessor, that has delayed the official recognition.

It must be remembered that our government is determined to accept no promise of friendship that is not backed by deeds. In other words, the Mexican government, in order to secure official recognition from Washington, must do something more than promise. We are "fed up" on promises, which we received in abundance from Madero, from Carranza and from others during the ten year revolutionary period.

The attitude of President de la Huerta, as well as the apparent desire of President Obregon to enter into friendly relations based upon mutual concessions and reciprocity, will go far toward bringing about the official recognition which is so much desired on both sides of the border.

There is something more than mere commercial advantages behind this desire for the re-establishment of friendly relations between the two countries. The desire to be friends once more, to be able to visit and to give and accept hospitality as in the past, to know that we are liked by our neighbors and that we like them—all these form the greatest incentive to bring about a resumption of the relations which once existed between the United States and Mexico.

The visit of the Mexican band is one of the charming courtesies that indicates the desire of the new government for friendly relations. The visit of our people to the inauguration of President Obregon is an evidence on our part of the desire to offer the hand of friendship and to forget anything that is disagreeable.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic advocates of resumption of friendly relations are the Americans who made the recent trip to Mexico City. They will never forget the charming hospitality of the Mexican people, as well as the government, and they will carry through life the remembrance of the most delightful trip they ever made.

On the other hand, President Obregon and his staff, as well as the Mexican band, will remember the courtesy with which they were received in the United States, and the spontaneous offers of hospitality which were made by the American people everywhere.

The man who never leaves home is the one who is apt to be prejudiced against those of another country. And the best way to remove prejudice is by rubbing shoulders with those whom we have looked upon as strangers, and getting acquainted with them.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 10.

- 1845—Commodore Jesse D. Elliot, second in command under Perry at the battle of Lake Erie, died in Philadelphia. Born in Maryland, July 14, 1782.
- 1856—The English cathedral in Montreal was destroyed by fire.
- 1870—The French Army of the Loire was defeated by the Germans, and began a retreat.
- 1871—Special prayers were offered in English churches for the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) who was ill with typhoid fever.
- 1873—Marshal Bazaine found guilty for surrendering Metz to the Germans and sentenced to death.
- 1877—Osman Pasha and his army at Plevna surrendered to the Russians after a siege of five months.
- 1887—Jules Ferry, ex-President of the French Republic, narrowly escaped assassination.
- 1918—The French army occupied Mainz and freed 2600 interned Americans.

WHISKEY AND THEFT.

A novel defense has been evolved for those who are engaged in the lucrative business of stealing whiskey in these days of prohibition. According to the argument of the counsel for the defense, whiskey is not property, because its manufacture and sale are prohibited; anything that is not property has no value; hence no crime is committed in stealing whiskey, for the theft is not established!

Years ago a judge decided that it was not theft to steal a dog, because a dog could not be classed as property, but if the dog wore a valuable collar, the person stealing the dog with the collar on him was guilty of theft. Hence, many a valuable dog was stolen, the thief taking the precaution of removing the collar, and thus technically being innocent of theft.

But a judge in Kansas City knocks the bottom out of this defense that was expected to keep many a criminal out of jail. Apparently the judge knows a good thing when he sees it, for he ruled that although whiskey could not be legally sold, it had a market value. He might also have added that it had a sentimental value with some, while with others its value was purely spiritual.

During the past two years there have been thefts of whiskey that could be ranked as among the first-class crimes of the century. The liquor involved in some single transactions was worth around a half million dollars. In one case an entire warehouse was cleaned out, the thieves binding and gagging the watchmen and removing the barrels in auto trucks.

If this technical defense could have been maintained, some of the enterprising criminals might have reaped a fortune by their "honest" endeavor, for all that was lacking was the concurrence of the court in the transactions in which enforcement officers, police and "bosses" all had a part.

There are many who today would paraphrase Shakespeare to read: "He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who filcheth from me my booze doth make me poor indeed."

Had the decision of the court in Kansas City established a precedence, upheld by the courts of appeal, the crying need of today among the malefactors of great wealth who still have stocks of vintage wines and aged-in-the-wood bourbon would have been a burglar-proof cellar.

Judge Porterfield will have the hearty endorsement of all those who have accumulated—and retained—a private stock. He could be elected to almost any office within the gift of the people on that platform alone, and his precedent will be handed

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down as a gem of jurisprudence.

Those who still look with envious eye on the possessions of their neighbors, especially the liquid means of creating an oasis in the universal desert of drouth, will feel that they are defrauded, however just the declaration may appear to others.

For if the booze could be qualified as the same sort of "trash" as the despised purse—"twas his, 'tis mine," and the rest of the argument—then it would have been permissible for each one to supply himself with a crowbar and a piece of lead pipe and accumulate a little "best cellar" of his own.

Hereafter let no man look with longing eye on the whiskey that belongs to another. It is just as much a crime to steal liquor as it is to make away with the family jewels—some will think it even worse—and according to the precedent set forth by the learned judge of the criminal court of Kansas City, it is a felony punishable by a term in state prison.

There are some who will consider the sentence of five years too little for such a heinous crime. Had it occurred in some sections, the jury would have been in favor of burning at the stake; that is, the right sort of a jury.

Notice to Hunters.

All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarra, Burritos and Barro-cito pastures without permission.

J. D. JENNINGS,

10-23-2m.

MOTOR BOAT SHOW OPENS.

New York, Dec. 10.—The sixteenth National Motor Boat Show, held under the auspices of the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, opened in the Grand Central Palace today for practically a two weeks' session. All the features of the previous years are retained in this year's show, while a number of novelties have been added to the exhibit, and there are more motor boats, more engines and more everything else than ever before.

Western motor boat enthusiasts are displaying extraordinary interest in the exhibition. The fact that the speedy Miss America won the Harmsworth Trophy in England last summer evidently has given added impetus to the sport. As a result of this the West has a large representation at the exhibition this year.

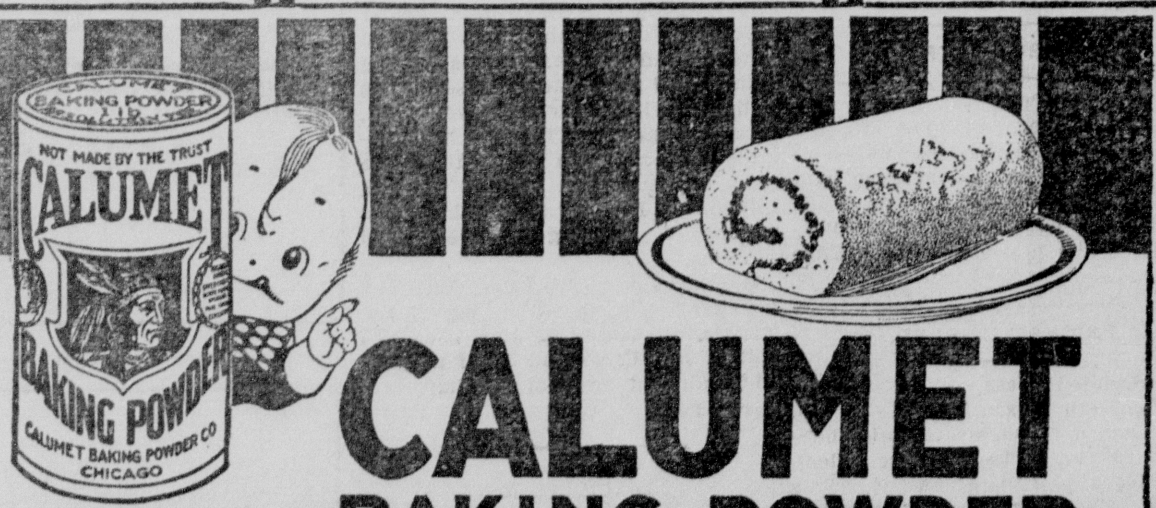
TO MEET IN FLORIDA.

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 10.—Representatives of the prominent colleges and universities of the South are gathering here for the annual meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The University of Florida will act as host to the meeting, which will begin tomorrow and continue over Sunday. New rules will be considered and all athletic schedules prepared for the members of the Southern intercollegiate conference.

AFTER a baking falls — becomes tough or soggy, you can't make it tender and tempting. It can't be "fixed." It is like spilled milk—"wasted."

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A pound can of Calumet contains full 16 oz. Some baking powders come in 12 oz. cans instead of 16 oz. cans. Be sure you get a pound when you want it.

Calumet Jelly Roll Recipe

—3 eggs beaten separately, 1 cup sugar, 1½ cups pastry flour, 2 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder, ¼ cup warm water—flavor. Then mix in the regular way.

A GREAT MASS OF HUMANITY ENJOYS THE BAND CONCERT

BANDA ESTADO MAYOR ATTRACTED RECORD-BREAKING CROWD.

Music Given by Musical Organization of Mexico Best Ever Heard Here; More Concerts Today.

Never in the history of Laredo had such a mass of humanity assembled about a given place than there was last evening on Jarvis Plaza and about the federal building to enjoy the concert given by the Estado Mayor Band, composed of 110 of the best musicians of Mexico, and which is now on its way back to Mexico City after a several weeks tour of Texas and Louisiana cities.

For several weeks the people of Laredo had been anxiously looking forward to the coming of this great musical organization to Laredo, for when the band accompanied President-elect Obregon to Dallas in October it was announced that at the conclusion of the Texas State Fair the band would give a series of concerts in Laredo while on its way back to Mexico. Twice were the people disappointed by the failure of the band to come here as planned, and that was when they left San Antonio and went to Houston instead of coming here, and then again when they proceeded from Houston to Galveston and the announcement was made that it would go from the Island City to a Mexican port by steamer. But this latter plan was nipped in the bud, for urgent requests to Mexico City resulted in having the steamer trip abandoned and the band was ordered to come to Laredo, and they arrived here yesterday afternoon to furnish music for Laredo people.

Upon arrival here yesterday afternoon the band members were met at the railway station by Mexican Vice Consul Lisandro Peña, Mayor Villagás and a delegation of Chamber of Commerce members headed by F. A. Matthes and taken to Fort McIntosh, where quarters had been arranged for them by Major Cheston, commander of the Laredo District. Meals were provided them at the Hamilton Cafe, but before supper they were given auto rides over the city. Last night, occupying a position on the inner walk and lawn of the federal building, which had been well illuminated for the occasion, and where a cordon of Boy Scouts were on hand to prevent congestion about the band, the first concert was given in the presence of a mass of humanity that filled all space about the federal building front lawn, the street in front of the building, the sidewalks about the Hamilton hotel as well as the balconies of that building, Jarvis Plaza and surroundings. It was a crowd the like of which had never before assembled in Laredo.

Beginning at about 8 o'clock the program of selections for the concert began. Never did a Laredo assemblage listen with more keen interest to music than they did last night, and never did they enjoy more enchanting strains of melody than were furnished by this great band. Their program consisted of popular music of various kinds, American and Mexican, as well as some of the foreign classics. The harmony and beauty of melody were heard last night with all of the mastery which the great musicians composing this band were capable of putting into the selections. Popular Mexican melodies were rendered with that melodious harmony capable of producing, while the music which the Mexican musician alone is capable of producing, that are popular throughout the United States and are American compositions found the same deft touch of harmony that Sousa and other master American musicians instill into the American airs. Every selection was rendered with that accord, sweetness and finesse of tone that made them sound more enchanting to the ear than any music ever heard here before. One of the medleys rendered was of popular American airs, including the Star Spangled Banner, and the concluding number was El Himno Nacional, in which the band furnished the accompaniment in soft, low tones and Miss Josefina Llaça, one of the sopranos of the Mexican-Italian Grand Opera Co., which opens an engagement at the Royal Opera House this evening, sang the national hymn of Mexico in a rich voice with its fullest volume. Throughout the evening the selections were applauded in that hearty manner that denoted the keenest appreciation.

This morning from 10 to 11:30 o'clock the Banda Estado Mayor gave a concert on the parade grounds at Fort McIntosh as a compliment to the officers and men of the Laredo garrison. This afternoon from 2 to 3:30 another concert was given at Jarvis Plaza. Tonight the band leaves on its return to Mexico City, carrying with it the sincere thanks and appreciation of the people of Laredo.

Wanted to Let Band Stay Longer.

A message from President Obregon to Mexican Vice Consul Peña this afternoon instructed the vice consul to keep the Banda Estado Mayor in Laredo as long as he wanted. However, as the band has been away from their homes for two months, the Laredo folks decided not to impose on them. The band leaves for Mexico City tonight.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

START "SPINACH SPECIAL" OUT OF LAREDO CHRISTMAS

FAST SERVICE TO BE HAD BETWEEN LAREDO AND ST. LOUIS.

Train Leaving Here Will Reach St. Louis About 48 Hours Later; Big Spinach Crop in Laredo Section.

In order to move the 400 carloads or more of spinach which is now reaching a state of maturity in the Laredo section, a fast freight service in the nature of a through train from Laredo via San Antonio to St. Louis will be used to transport the product to market with the least possible delay, and this service will be inaugurated about December 25.

The train will be known as "The Spinach Special," and will be a special train leaving Laredo each evening at 7:30 o'clock. It will be operated over the I. & G. N., the Texas Pacific and the Missouri Pacific railways, starting at Laredo one evening and reaching its destination the second evening thereafter. Unusually fast time will be made by the train carrying spinach shipments, as this is perishable produce and delay causes deterioration.

Spinach growing in the country about Laredo served by the Texas-Mexican and R. G. & E. P. roads will be received by those roads and delivered to the I. & G. N. here so as to be attached to the outgoing special train each evening. An important notice regarding the "Spinach Special" was published in The Times for yesterday by C. M. Fish, traffic manager of the road, and growers concerned are requested to read this notice and keep posted.

During the past few years the Laredo section has been one of the heaviest spinach-production portions and each year the shipments of that wholesome vegetable out of Laredo are quite heavy. While the Bermuda onion crop is the principal crop of the Laredo section, the spinach crop comes second and the growers have netted good returns therefrom. At the present time spinach shipments are withheld it is reported, awaiting an improvement of the market, and this change will take place within a short time, or before the bulk of the Laredo spinach crop is ready for shipment to market.

THE LAREDO EXCURSIONISTS

WILL RETURN THIS EVENING

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRYING THEM LEFT MONTEREY TODAY.

Left Here on Saturday, November 27, and All Have Had the Times of Their Lives on the Trip.

The special train carrying the Laredo Chamber of Commerce delegation of seventy-three persons, traveling in three Pullmans, a diner and baggage car, which left here on the evening of Saturday, November 27, to attend the inauguration of President Obregon and then to take an excursion trip to various of the principal cities of Mexico, will reach Laredo tonight at 10 o'clock, according to a telegram from M. W. Brennan, manager of the "Gateway Special."

From those who have already returned and from letters received from those making the tour of the Mexican cities, all the Laredo delegation have had the time of their lives on the excursion, and the result will be the cementing of relations between the two countries more firmer than ever, for everywhere the Laredos have gone they have been treated with genuine courtesy, have been the guests at many special receptions, banquets, sight-seeing trips, etc., and they will all come home singing the praises of Mexican hospitality.

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To-day's call on the vitality is tremendous! Only those with strong nerves pull through with success! You need help! Something to renew wasted nerve tissues, put red corpuscles into your blood, and carry you through and "over the top." You need

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for this impaired condition. Stop the brain fag, the irritability, the nervous indigestion, the restless sleep, the tired and exhausted condition that is becoming habitual with you. Take Sensapersa for ten days and your nerve health should double, try it and see how health and energy will come back and put you in the front ranks. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00 at your Druggist or from

City Drug Co

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12-3-4t.

IS LAREDO'S OPPORTUNITY BUT ACTION NOW NECESSARY

THIS CITY NEEDS A TOURIST HOTEL TO ATTRACT VISITORS.

Thousands of Tourists to Mexico Will Pass Through Here Soon. What Will Laredo Do With Them?

With the restoration of normal conditions in Mexico and that country facing one of the most prosperous eras in the history of the republic, thousands of people from all sections of the United States will be passing back and forth between the two countries through Laredo, the logical gateway, within a short time, and many of these people, tourists especially, will stop over in Laredo either going to or coming back, for a few days at least.

What is Laredo going to offer the tourists in the way of hotel facilities—hotels where all modern conveniences are provided, where the service is of the best and where accommodations of a first-class nature will be demanded. The tourists demand the best in hotel facilities and pay the price therefor. But if there should be a large number of tourists passing through to Mexico and should decide to stop over here, what is Laredo going to do with them? The hotels here generally well filled with transients. Without reflecting on any of the hotels already here as to their facilities for taking care of more people, one can readily realize the necessity for at least another big hotel here—a tourist hotel of the highest class to accommodate those who demand the best.

For some years past the agitation for the building of a tourist hotel has been on here, but otherwise than providing architect's drawings on paper of some proposed tourist hotel the movement got no further. If Laredo is to get any benefit from the thousands of tourists to and from Mexico that tourist hotel must pass the paper stage and become a reality, and now is the time to get busy on the proposition of building, not merely talking about, a real tourist hotel for Laredo. If those who have a hotel in prospect do not further the movement then it is time for Laredo people or outside capital to build that hotel. But the hotel will be needed if this city is to continue as the gateway to Mexico.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of taxes for the City of Laredo for the year 1920. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector,
11-30t.

Taking Desperate Chances.

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

GRAND JURY IS DISCHARGED AFTER FOUR DAYS' SESSION

Total of Six Bills of Indictment Were Returned During the Time; Civil Docket Now on Trial.

After being in session for four days, during which time they returned six bills of indictment the grand jury in district court here, which was empaneled on Monday morning by Judge Mullally, adjourned for the term late yesterday afternoon. The setting of the criminal docket for the term will be undertaken in a few days by District Attorney Valls.

Very little business is being disposed of in the district court this week, as most of the time has been devoted to the setting of the civil docket for the term, while a few civil cases have been disposed of, including one or two divorce cases. Next week the civil docket will be taken up in earnest and the cases called according to their settings.

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LOCAL NEWS

—When you are out looking for Santa Claus be sure and stop at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar, Saturday at Stowers Furniture Co., 12-9-2t.

—There were no importations again yesterday from Mexico through the port of Laredo—not even over the international footbridge. This is the dull season in importations experienced here in some time past.

—Talking dolls just received at The Bon Ton. Good assortment of sizes and prices. 12-9-6t.

—Special price on French Christmas mix 30 cents a pound beginning December 13th until Christmas. Made by Santiago Pappas. Pay us a visit and save money. Also all kinds of walking canes and fancy boxes. LA-REDO CANDY CO. 1-8-14t.

—Beginning next week most of the business houses of Laredo will be keeping late hours—that is, they will keep open until about 10 o'clock each evening to accommodate the Christmas shoppers who will make their purchases at that time.

—Little girls listen! If you need a new hat for dolly go to the Methodist Ladies' bazaar Saturday. All styles and sizes. Stowers Furniture Co. 12-9-2t.

—Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-1m.

—The Estadio Mayor Band will occupy a position in front of the federal building on the lawn during the concert this evening and those on Jarvis Jarvis Plaza will be able to be very near the band during the rendition of the program of selections. No autos will be permitted within a block of the plaza, so leave your cars at home.

—Purses and handbags of velvets and brocades. Smart ideas in new veils and Gordon hose, both silk and wool, make attractive Christmas gifts. The Bon Ton. 12-9-6t.

—Typewriting, copying and translating accurately done. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1203.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, 11-9-1m. Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-1t.

—Very few places in the country have the opportunities that Laredo has of getting the big things from Mexico. For illustration, today we have two of Mexico's greatest musical organizations here—the Banda Estadio Mayor, which gives a concert this evening on Jarvis Plaza, and the Mexican-Italian Opera Co., which gives "Rigoletto" at the Royal Opera House tomorrow night.

—Finish your Christmas shopping at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar. You will find the pretty dainty gifts you have been wanting. Stowers Furniture Co. 12-9-2t.

—THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 8-29-1t.

—Only two more weeks in the year to do your Christmas shopping and then the most gladsome day of the year will be here when the little ones will have their stockings filled with goodies, and the big ones will have their stockings full, too. Do your shopping early and have a heart for the weary clerks.

—Special reductions on every hat in stock Friday and Saturday at The Bon Ton. 12-9-6t.

—Delicious home-made candy for sale at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar Saturday at Stowers Furniture Co. 12-9-2t.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1t.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-16-1t.

Military Prisoner is Captured.
Mounted Immigration Inspector Charles Rumsey and Mal Petty last night captured Roy H. Taylor, an escaped military prisoner of Co. E, 52d Telephone Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, who recently escaped from the guardhouse. The prisoner was turned over to the military authorities here and will be sent back to San Antonio probably tonight.

When You Are Constipated.
To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Notice to Hunters.
All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarra, Burritos and Barro cito pastures without permission. J. D. JENNINGS, 10-23-2m.

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All hunters are prohibited from hunting in the Slaton pasture without permission. L. F. PIPES, 10-23-2m.

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Mrs. H. C. Hall will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Lucille Murphy will entertain the Thursday Bridge Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a reception at the Methodist Church in the evening at 8 o'clock to introduce Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

The four circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the regular hour in the afternoon.

Like Old Shoes.

How much a man is like old shoes; For instance, both a sole may lose. Both have been tanned, both are made tight.

By cobblers, both get left and right. Both need a mate to be complete. And both are made to go on feet.

With shoes the last is first; with men, The first shall be the last. And when The shoes wear out they're mended new;

When men wear out they're mended too.

They both need heeling, oft are sold, And both in time turn all to mold. They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loath.

Both have their ties, and both incline, When polished, in the world to shine. They both peg out. Now would you choose To be a man or be his shoes?

—J. J. McNally.

General Mention.

Mr. Joseph Kelly, formerly of this place, passed through the city from Houston, en route to Tampico.

Mrs. Julia Smith of Newfield, New Jersey, arrived in the city on Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Gus Becker.

Hon. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Merriman have returned from a delightful two weeks' visit to friends and relatives in New Orleans, Pass Christian and San Antonio.

Mrs. Sam Mackin and Miss Ethel Mackin are in San Antonio visiting Major and Mrs. Garrison.

Mrs. J. S. Guerra returned yesterday from a two weeks visit to relatives and friends in San Antonio. She was accompanied home by Mrs. W. S. Douglas of New York and Mrs. A. W. Myers of San Antonio, who will be her guests for a week or two.

Announcements.

The Elks will give their annual reception and dance on the night of December 31st.

A special "Jazz" Orchestra will play at the dance to be given by several young men at the Latin-American Club Saturday evening. As this is the first time an orchestra of this kind has ever played at a dance here, an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

Honoring Mrs. Henry C. Burr.

Mrs. Chester Nye entertained most delightfully yesterday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Henry C. Burr. The home was most attractively decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. Upon the arrival of the guests an advertising contest was enjoyed, in which the honoree proved to be the lucky prize winner. She was presented with a corsage bouquet of chrysanthemums. After the games the hostess served delicious chicken and pimiento sandwiches, cake, home-made candy and hot chocolate. The bride was showered in a most novel manner. Little Jack Nye entered dressed as Santa Claus, with a pack on his back, and Mrs. Nye read a very delightful original poem at the presentation. Many lovely gifts were hidden in the pack. Those enjoying the pleasure of the delightful occasion were: Mesdames A. P. Nye, Roe Oliver, J. M. Burr, J. G. Burr, A. R. Vidaurri, A. H. Camp, E. H. Burr, C. B. Wade, C. S. McKinney, W. A. Cone, C. C. Nye, C. C. Burr, Misses Minnie Burr, Maudie Daniels, Mollie Whitted, the honor guest and the hostess.

Harvest Meeting.

The Women's Missionary of the Methodist Church held a very delightful meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Methodist Church. The rooms were very appropriately decorated to suit the occasion, fruits and pumpkins being most effectively used, while chrysanthemums were used in the floral note. Upon the arrival of the members a short business session was held after which the following delightful program was given: In the Garden, song Miss Sweet

Reading, "A Dark Brown Diplomat"

..... by Cooke Mrs. Mansford.

Reading, "Mandalay" Kipling Mrs. Mansford.

Duet, "Birds at Dawn" Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Seaman.

At the conclusion of the program a pleasant social time was enjoyed. The hostesses of the afternoon were Mesdames Miller, A. G. Thompson, Shanks and Mansford, who served delicious chicken salad and coffee.

Those present were: Mesdames Seaman, Craven, Emerson, Robbins, Hudson, Marshiedt, Jess Thompson, Patton, Collingsham, Burnett, Buenz, Hart, Skinner, Crawford, Guinn, Cone, Howell, Perkins, J. K. Thompson, William Jackson, and Hutchins.

Misses Sweet and Odette Bunn and Mrs. Fred Board of Covington, Ind.

Carnival for Soldiers.

Any of the ladies desiring to assist in the carnival to be given on the 15th, 16th and 17th for the purpose of raising funds for the soldier boys of Fort McIntosh for their Christmas cheer will please meet with Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Mackay at the Soldiers Club at Fort McIntosh Saturday morning at 10:30.

PERSONALS

Lawrence Moyer and H. Dietzman of San Antonio are among the visitors in Laredo today on business and pleasure.

WILHELM'S INCOME.

By Associated Press. Doorn, Holland, Dec. 9.—Revelations in the Prussian state legislature at Berlin of the sums of money which the former German Emperor has been permitted to draw from Germany during the past two years, together with the announcement that the Dutch government will tax him for annual income of 1,300,000 guilders, have caused the burghers of Doorn to speculate as to what he does with all this money. (Nominally a guilder is worth 40 cents.)

From Germany, the former Emperor is said to have drawn 1,090,000 guilders, equivalent at present rates of exchange to 11,138,000 German marks, also the proceeds of the sale of some of his property in the Wilhelmstrasse, said to be 40,000,000 marks. Besides all this income, the Prussian government has contributed additionally to the furnishing of his new house at Doorn.

For a long time William complained of being financially embarrassed. Now, however, according to the people of Doorn, he appears to be living in high style.

Not counting his marshal, General von Gontard and other members of his immediate suite, approximately 50 servants are now employed to keep up the house of Doorn. This does not include the workmen who are still engaged in various repairs about the house and grounds.

There are 24 charwomen, who are kept busy polishing the floors, brasswork, and otherwise keeping the castle up to the standard of old German cleanliness demanded by the former Empress Augusta Victoria. They receive the equivalent of about a dollar a day. Ten of them live in the castle.

In all William now employs six cooks, who include a chef and an assistant living at the castle and four women who come in to work by the day. There are also a number of gardeners and personal servants.

To maintain this army of servants, whose average wages, the people of Doorn say, must be something more than a dollar a day, William pays in wages alone about \$20,000 a year. Their upkeep costs him as much more and this does not include the high salaried employees, like General von Gontard, Captain Von Ilseman, the "court physician," and secretaries who must cost the ex-emperor about \$20,000 more.

During his eighteen months' stay at the Bentinck castle, at Amerongen, William lived at the rate of about \$225 daily. In his own estate, he is believed to be spending much more.

In addition to buying The House of Doorn, he has this year spent approximately \$32,500 on a little hospital while he presented to the village of Amerongen.

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TRADE CONFERENCE.

By Associated Press.

Vienna, Dec. 8.—The proposed trade, commercial and financial conference of certain of the central states of Europe has aroused hope in both political and business circles that it may bring at least some degree of order out of the present almost chaotic conditions as far as interstate relations are concerned.

It is already known as "The American Plan" in compliment to its author, Colonel Clarence B. Smith, of the United States army, the unofficial American delegate on the Austrian section of the Reparations Commission.

"After more than a year's study and first-hand investigation of the problems of these countries," Colonel Smith said to The Associated Press, "I became convinced that the economic life not only of Austria but of all the succession states of the old empire can be rehabilitated only by a larger measure of good-will between them and mutual understanding of their economic interdependence."

The plan was drawn after much thought and with full realization of the fact that it must be freed from all suspicion of politics. My hope is that, having once drawn them together in common council and with the disinterested advice of the representatives of Great Britain, France and America, who will attend only in an advisory character, some of the distrust that naturally grew out of the political conditions which surrounded the birth of these new states may be dispelled and they will realize the necessity, aside from all political questions, of freer trade and commerce if their economic life is to become stabilized."

Colonel Smith's plan met unanimous approval by the Austrian commission and preparations for the conference have begun. It probably will be held in Bratislava (Pressburg) a city about 40 miles from Vienna in Czechoslovakia and will follow broadly the lines of the Brussels conference.

The states represented except America, France and Great Britain, will have present one representative of the ministries of finance, transportation, commerce, industries, trade and banking, Austria and Hungary will be invited to send similar representation. The three first-named powers will be represented only by their delegates on the Reparations Commission and then solely in an advisory way.

As formulated the program suggest among the questions to be considered:

Improvement of financial relations, especially the transfer of money, liberty of using deposits, dealing in securities and banking.

Possibility of expediting the transfer of merchandise from one state to another or in bond through one state to the territory of a third.

The system of prohibition of importation and exportation of certain classes of commodities, licenses, tariffs and excise.

The system of discrimination in price as between external and internal trade.

Communications, posts, telegraphs and telephones.

As planned the active participants in the conference would include Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and Rumania, all of which embrace at least portions of the old Austro-Hungarian empire and which to a greater or less extent are affected by the problems the Austrian Reparations Section hopes thus to solve.

BASEBALL MAGNATES TO CONFER.

New York, Dec. 9.—Officials and other representatives of the major and minor baseball leagues are rounding up in this city in anticipation of the meeting to be held tomorrow for the purpose of drawing up a new national agreement to govern organized baseball. Now that the threatened war in the big leagues has been averted it is expected that no difficulty will be encountered in arriving at a satisfactory agreement. With the outlook all peaceful and serene the club owners will be free to give their attention to preliminary plans for the coming season and it is expected that many trades in players will be consummated before the meeting comes to a close.

CELEBRATION AT OLD HARVARD.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—The second centennial of Massachusetts Hall at Harvard University, which was opened two hundred years ago this month, is to be celebrated tomorrow with a notable dinner under the auspices of the Harvard Memorial Society. Massachusetts Hall is the second oldest college building in the United States. The only college building that antedates it is the main building of William and Mary College in Virginia, which was put up in 1693 and has been thrice burned and rebuilt on the old walls.

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Clara Barton Smith Came to El Paso Home Tuesday Night but Was Not Arrested Because No Warrant for Her There and No Definite Information from Ardmore for Holding Her.

TELLS LIFE STORY OF DEAD HUSBAND

MRS. MACSWINEY TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE COMMISSION ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—The life story of the late Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork who died as the result of a hunger strike while in Brixton jail in London, was told by his widow to the commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question. Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney's accounts of the numerous arrests of her husband, his efforts on behalf of Irish freedom and the actions of the British government in attempting to "throttle Irish development" were punctuated alternately by applause and sobs.

EXPECT NO RELIEF FROM CONGRESS YET

INCOME TAX RELIEF IS IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT SESSION REPUBLICANS DECIDE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Income tax relief legislation, requested by business interests, will be impracticable at this session of congress, Republican members of the senate finance committee decided today in an informal conference.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 9.—Restoration of the war finance corporation was endorsed in resolutions adopted and forwarded to congress today by the Texas Chamber of Commerce. The resolutions said the consensus of opinion of Texas business men was that re-establishment of the finance corporation would "greatly relieve present conditions," according to James George, general manager of the Texas chamber.

DYING IN STREET.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 9.—William Cheney, aged 32 years, an automobile salesman, was fatally shot and died early this morning. He was found dying in a street in the center of the town. Later the car which he was driving was found locked with another machine with which it had collided several blocks away. Cheney died in the hospital without making a statement. The police arrested five men suspects.

BE JAPAN'S FAULT.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Discussing the Japanese question freely and frankly in a carefully prepared address delivered in the house of representatives today, Rep. Kahn of California, chairman of the military committee declared that America hoped always to avoid war and that if "statesmen, publicists, politicians and agitators in Japan" really wanted war with the United States, they would be the ones to bring it on, not the Americans. He said he voiced the hope of patriotic Americans.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

The Most Rev. George W. Mundelein today completes his fifth year as head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago.

Kansas City is to be meeting place today of the International Farm Congress, the sessions of which will continue through the remainder of the week.

The eleventh annual Toronto Fat Stock Show, together with the annual conventions of the dairying and kindred industries, will be opened today in Toronto, Ont.

Representatives of the producing, manufacturing and export interests of the United States will arrive in Chicago today for the conference arranged by the American Bankers' Association to consider the formation of a \$100,000,000 foreign trade financing corporation.

Presidents of life insurance companies in virtually every State of the Union and in Canada are to meet in New York City today to discuss the necessity for nation-wide application of economy and thrift in the home, in business, in industry, and in the government.

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The press report of his message to congress yesterday quoted him as saying that his message was not so much a series of recommendations as a confession of faith, "of the faith I will stand by until my last fighting day." He said he believed this to be the faith of America.

To many it has seemed that the defeat of the Democratic party in the recent campaign was due to its support of the principles for which Mr. Wilson fought. If this is so, then it argues a departure from the faith which is not creditable to our nation, the greatest democracy that has ever existed.

Mr. Wilson said: "The old world is now suffering from a wanton rejection of the principle of democracy and the substitution of the principle of autocracy as asserted in the name but without the authority and sanction of the multitude."

This is shown in one instance by the defeat of the Venizelists in Greece and the decision to recall King Constantine, one of the most reactionary of the present day monarchs, and one dominated by the old German militarist party.

One reason why some people in Europe do not want to see the United States in the league of nations is because we represent the principle of democracy that is antagonistic to all the reactionaries, and which with the backing of France would forever oppose the barrier of the people to the dynasties.

Quoting the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln: "Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it." Mr. Wilson said he believed his faith was "the faith of the future and of all the victories which await national action in the days to come, whether in America or elsewhere."

The days to come will show whether Mr. Wilson or the people who opposed his measures were right. Already one nation has announced its withdrawal from the league of nations, and it based its withdrawal on the declaration that the league was dominated by the principle of autocracy, which Mr. Wilson says is now dominant in Europe.

Recent statements from Europe are to the effect that the present situation indicates a return to monarchical power, rather than the acceptance of the principle of democracy. With the exception of one or two, all the new nations are discussing the matter of setting up new thrones and beginning new dynasties.

Whether we shall be able in the future to exert the influence that would have been ours had we been in the league from the beginning is a question that will loom bigger than some others before long.

Let us hope that we shall not lose sight of the principle of democracy which has made our nation so great, and that we may steer clear of the shoals of autocracy upon which so many of the European ships of state have grounded.

The message of our president is practically his last public utterance, at least, while in the presidency. Unless something should require him to address congress during the short time which remained until his successor is inaugurated, he will not be likely to make any further addresses to that body.

The tone of his message yesterday reminds one of the other words of the man whom he delights in remembering, the martyred president who said on his dying bed: "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives." Lincoln in his second inaugural said, "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

THE LAW AND THE RANGER.

Due to lurid stories of the past, many people have an idea that a Texas Ranger and a Chicago gunman are alike in their contempt for the sacredness of human life, and that the Ranger would as soon kill his prisoner as arrest him alive.

In fact, many people insist that the "old Ranger law" was "kill him first and try him afterwards," forgetting that the one thought uppermost in sending Rangers to any section is to put down lawlessness and not to commit crime under color of the law.

Recent conditions at Ranger, Texas oil town, were such that Rangers were sent there to establish a reign of law and order in place of the rule of the gambler and the boot-legger.

Whiskey was flagrantly and openly sold, gambling was conducted as openly as the sale of groceries, and the officers of the law were powerless to put an end to the law violations; or at least, they said they were.

So when the Rangers—noted "two-gun men" and veterans of real law enforcement in days when prohibition had not been dreamed of—came to Ranger, there was an immediate protest. The local chamber of commerce sent an appeal to the governor to re-

move the Rangers, as their presence there was a reflection on the town's morals!

But the state officers remained on duty, calmly and dispassionately arresting law violators, seizing liquor tanks, shutting down gambling houses and the like until there was every prospect of making the town as law-abiding as its name would indicate.

Then one day two of the Rangers entered a grocery store and seized, according to their report, fifteen gallons of illicit liquor. Whereupon the sheriff swore out a warrant charging them with assault with intent to kill, and they were lodged in jail.

But the adjutant general promptly ordered another company of Rangers to the town bearing their name, and a thorough investigation will be made of conditions there, as well as of the facts leading up to the arrest of the two Rangers.

It may be that the Rangers will find somebody that needs killing. Even then, there will be no killing by the state officers unless the situation of the state officers on them. But the law enforces such action upon them. In any case where a man needs killing to make of him a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, and where he insists upon it, he probably will be accommodated.

We have had Rangers here for years past. No one here was ever killed by a Ranger, even in the discharge of his duty. And it is probable that the few killings by Rangers in the line of their duty have been so exaggerated as to give most people a false idea of this noted force.

At any rate, the Ranger nowadays runs around the country in an automobile where the roads are good enough. He is usually quiet and unassuming; he talks little, but says a good deal when he talks; he is not given to "practicing" with his six-shooter on inoffensive citizens, and he does not—emphatically NOT—look like Bill Hart.

But, like the mounted police of the Canadian Northwest, when sent after a man he gets in or buries him. He may not see the particular need for prohibition, but if the state law prohibits the manufacture and sale of liquor, he enforces that law wherever he may be. He never lets politics interfere with his duty, and if so ordered he would as soon arrest a sheriff as an ordinary citizen.

It can be readily seen that such men are not welcome anywhere in the country where lawlessness is backed by capital, and where the crooked gangs dominate local politics.

But if the citizens of Ranger and that section think they can put one over on the Rangers, they certainly have another guess coming. They may jail one or two on trumped up charges, but the rest will be on the job until their chief orders them away.

TRANSPLANTING OF BERMUDA ONIONS IN FULL PROGRESS

While Many Farmers Have Plants Already Set Out Others Are Engaged in the Work Now.

The process of transplanting young Bermuda onion plants from the protected and irrigated seedbeds to the open field is now in full progress in the Laredo section of country and large forces of Mexican laborers, comprising men, women and children, are engaged in the work. Many of the onion growers have their fields already set in onions, others are rushing this work forward and still others are just beginning operations.

Within the next ten days it is estimated that all the growers will have their young onions transplanted and then request irrigation will be applied to the young plants until they attain a good stand, and after that irrigation will be applied at necessary intervals. It is estimated that sufficient onions will be set out to make at least 1,200 carloads of onions in the late spring and early summer of 1921, and by that time it is hoped that market conditions will be much improved over their present condition, which is very discouraging on account of such a large quantity of old onions being put into cold storage to be thrown on the market next year.

COAL FIELDS IN CHILE.

By Associated Press. Santiago, Dec. 8.—Coal fields in southern Chile will become "dry" soon if a provision of an agreement just signed between the miners and operators is enacted into law; and the fields may even become "bone dry" if a measure now before parliament is adopted. The agreement apparently has settled a long standing controversy between the workers and their employers over questions of wages and hours of work and says among other things:

"The representatives of the companies and workmen agree to ask the public authorities to declare the coal region completely dry, prohibiting the introduction and sale of alcoholic drinks. While this measure is being enacted, they ask the prohibition of sale of liquor during pay days."

The newspaper, "Ultimas Noticias," commenting on the provision, says it is "worthy of note that the prohibition movement in Chile is supported with great strength by labor."

The newspaper asks early enactment of a measure introduced some months ago by Deputy Adrien, of the Democratic party, to which a large element of labor belongs, which forbids "the introduction, manufacture, sale or consumption of any kind of distilled or fermented drinks" not only in the coal fields but in the nitrate regions as well.

The bill has not yet been debated in the chamber.

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GROWTH OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The proposed creation of a Department of Public Welfare, whose secretary shall have a seat in the President's cabinet, will increase the number of cabinet officers to eleven. While this is nearly three times the number of cabinet members in President Washington's first cabinet, it is still considerably below the number of ministers in some other countries. The present British ministry comprises no fewer than twenty members, while that of France is almost as large.

When the Federal government was established it was decided, after very careful deliberation, to place the administration of the different departments under officials appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. At first there were but three such departments, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of War. The heads of these three departments, together with the Attorney-General, appointed by Washington, were his immediate advisers and came to be known as the President's cabinet.

In 1798, in the administration of President John Adams, Congress established the Department of the Navy, and thus a fifth cabinet office was created. In 1889, in the administration of President Jackson, the Postmaster-General was elevated in rank and made a member of the cabinet. The Department of the Interior was created in 1849 to take charge of Indian affairs, which had been under control of the War Department, and of the public lands, which had been under the Treasury Department. To this new department were assigned also the Pension Office from the War Department, the Patent Office from the State Department, and several other bureaus.

For many years thereafter the number of cabinet officers remained unchanged, and it was thought there would be no further additions to the President's official family. Each of the seven departments administered affairs over which the Federal government had absolute control under the provisions of the Constitution.

Changing conditions, however, were in the course of time to bring further additions to the cabinet. The Bureau of Agriculture had been created in 1862, and a few years later the Bureau of Education was given birth. It was soon recognized that agriculture could not obtain the recognition which its importance in relations to national welfare justified without being represented in the President's cabinet, thereby being enabled to obtain directly the attention of Congress. Accordingly the agricultural interests of the country started a movement for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture, with a secretary in the President's cabinet at its head.

The opponents of this movement argued that inasmuch as the Federal government had not been granted authority by the Constitution to control agriculture it was illogical, if not unconstitutional, to create such a department. But Congress failed to see the matter in this light and in 1889 the Department of Agriculture was created, the Federal government thereby establishing a precedent or national recognition and promotion without national control. The next addition to the cabinet came during the administration of President Roosevelt, when the Department of Labor and Commerce was created. Early in the administration of President Wilson, in 1913, the duties of this department were separated and assigned to two cabinet officials, which increased the number of the President's official advisers to ten.

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LOCAL NEWS

—Special price on French Christmas mix 30 cents a pound beginning December 13th until Christmas. Made by Santiago Pappas. Pay us a visit and save money. Also all kinds of walking canes and fancy boxes. LAREDO CANDY CO. 1-8-14t.

—The importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon consisted of one carload of baskets. Imports continue light at the present time, but are expected to increase within the next few days.

—Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-14m.

—The number of Mexican laborers passing through Laredo on their return to Mexico continues large, and the Mexican consulate is the scene of a large gathering of these people every morning getting passports or having their old passports vised.

—Typewriting, copying and translating accurately done. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1203. 11-9-14m.

—The weather prophet fulfilled his forecast for Laredo and vicinity last night and this morning, for the cold weather materialized as predicted. While there was no such thing as a little freeze this morning, nevertheless the air was sharp and crisp in the wee sma' hours of morning.

—Wm. W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office, residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-14t.

—Work on both the excavations for the sewerage mains from the mouth of the Chacon northward and for the reinforcements to the concrete pillars of the international footbridge goes right ahead and good progress is being made on both jobs.

—THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-14t.

—The Rotary Club is practically in vacation during the time that so many of its members is with the excursion through Mexico. But all the members will be home by next Monday evening and next week's meeting will be a big one, with the members overflowing with enthusiasm over their Mexico trip.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-14t.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-14t.

New Books Received.

The following new books have been received at the Laredo Library: The Valley of Silent Men, by James Oliver Curwood; Poor White Man, by Mary Roberts Rinehart; Harriet and the Piper, by Kathleen Norris; The Wandering Jew, by Eugene Sue; and a number of juvenile books. Several other books have been ordered but have not yet arrived.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

1820—James M. Brown, eminent New York banker and philanthropist, born in Baltimore. Died at Manchester, Vt., July 19, 1890.

1840—Thirty-nine persons drowned when the U. S. brig Somers capsized in a squall off Vera Cruz.

1850—Tickets for the Jenny Lind concert in Baltimore were sold as high as \$100 each.

1854—Promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

1836—Father Theobald Matthew, the famous Irish temperance advocate, died at Queenstown. Born in Tipperary, Oct. 10, 1790.

1859—Thomas De Quincy, the famous writer, died in Edinburgh. Born in Manchester, Eng., Aug. 15, 1785.

1899—Australian troops engaged in action for the first time in the Boer war.

1918—President Poincare presented General Petain with the baton of a Marshal of France.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 8.

William Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, born at Lowell, Mass., 61 years ago today.

Maj. Gen. William M. Black, former chief of engineers of the U. S. Army, born at Lancaster, Pa., 65 years ago today.

Isauro Gabaldon, the new resident commissioner from the Philippines to the United States, born 45 years ago today.

Edward Blake, one of the new bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Gorham, Maine 52 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, U. S. N., born at Burlington, Vt., 64 years ago today.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ATTENDS TO MANY MATTERS

Several Important Matters Came Up for Consideration and Final Action Taken on Most of Them.

The city council met in regular session, last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Present—His honor, Mayor L. Villalaz, and Aldermen Moore, DaCamara, Henry, Morton and Richter. Absent—Aldermen Brennan, Salinas and Leyendecker. With a quorum present the following proceedings were had: The minutes of the last regular session were read and, on motion of Alderman Moore, seconded and carried, were approved.

The city engineer reported that in the matter of the petition of Mrs. L. G. Bonavides, referred to him for investigation, he found that the conditions as described by petitioner; that he would recommend that said avenue be raised and graded for at least three blocks north of Montezuma street; that ditches should also be cut on both sides in order to drain the water through the storm sewer which has its intake at the intersection of Flores avenue and Scott street. On motion of Alderman DaCamara, seconded and carried, the work done at a later date, or just as soon as other work being done is completed.

The application of Margarito Guerra to establish a meat market at the corner of San Bernardo avenue and Garcia street, promising to comply with all sanitary regulations required by the ordinances, was read and, on motion of Alderman Moore, seconded and carried, it was referred to the committee on market and public buildings, with power to act.

An ordinance creating a compromise board in matters of litigation for or against the city, was read for the second time and passed over to next meeting.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of Block No. 250 W. D. for sewerage purposes, for the sum of \$700 was read for the first time and passed to next meeting.

Alderman DaCamara asked the city attorney what he had done with reference to the traffic ordinance entrusted to him to prepare. The city attorney answered that he did not know exactly what the council wanted and did not know the boundaries of the district to be reached by the ordinance.

Alderman DaCamara moved that the mayor appoint a committee to act with him and the city attorney in the preparation of a traffic ordinance and submit the same at next meeting of the council, same was seconded and carried. The mayor, appointed on the committee Aldermen DaCamara, Henry and Brennan.

All bills and accounts were ordered paid upon recommendation of the finance committee.

There being no further business before the council it adjourned.

A. R. GARCIA, City Secretary.

Notice to Hunters. All hunters are prohibited from hunting in the Slaton pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES, 10-23-2m.

SETTING OF CIVIL DOCKET ON IN DISTRICT COURT HERE

Grand Jury Did Not Return Any Additional Bills of Indictment This Morning But Still Grinding.

Besides setting a number of cases yesterday for trial when the civil docket is taken up, and continuing another case until next term, no other business was done yesterday or this morning in the district court, but the taking up of the civil docket in a few days will keep the court busy.

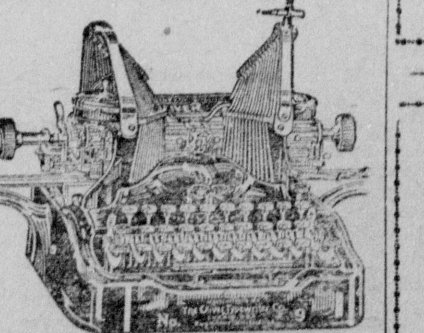
Besides the four indictments returned yesterday morning by the grand jury, no other bills had been returned up to this forenoon, although the grand jury was still at work investigating into matters called to their attention by District Attorney Valls.

Notice. To the public in general, and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN, 12-2-10t.

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CAPT. B. L. CROUCH SUCCUMBS FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS

Was Well Known in This Section; Former Deputy Collector of Customs at Port of Corpus Christi.

The funeral of Captain Byron L. Crouch, who died in San Antonio last Sunday morning following a prolonged illness, takes place in San Antonio this afternoon. Captain Crouch was well and favorably known throughout this section of the state on account of his activity in behalf of the wool interests, and also by the fact that under the late Collector of Customs James J. Haynes he served as deputy collector at Corpus Christi and was later transferred to the Laredo station, where he served for a time. He was an estimable gentleman and made many friends, and at all times his hobby appeared to be work in behalf of the sheep and wool interests of the country at large. He acted in the capacity of secretary of the Sheep and Wool Growers Association of Texas for a number of years, resigning this position about a year ago on account of his fast failing health and weakened physical condition.

Captain Crouch was born in Spring Harbor, Mich., October 1, 1842, and was a graduate of the Jackson (Mich.) High School. In September, 1861, he entered the Union Army in which he served with the 10th Regiment Illinois Cavalry, until the close of the war. He held the rank of captain and was honorably discharged from the service January, 1865. He returned to Texas upon his discharge from the Army and located in Williams County, later removing to Frio County, where he remained until his removal to San Antonio several years ago.

He was for a number of years engaged extensively in the raising of cattle and live stock. In 1892 his herd of sheep was estimated to number 20,000 head, which were located on three separate ranches, his real estate at that time comprising about 145,000 acres. The drought during the years 1891-1894, together with the wool policy of the Administration, dealt Captain Crouch a severe financial blow and he disposed of the greater part of his live stock interests.

Notice to Tax-payers. My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of taxes for the City of Laredo for the year 1920.

Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector, 116-30t.

LOS ANGELES DELEGATION IS BACK FROM MEXICO CITY

Special Train of Pullmans and Dining Cars Arrived From Mexico City and Proceeded on Its Way.

The special train carrying the delegation of the Los Angeles, California, Chamber of Commerce, which attended the inauguration of President Obregon, arrived in Laredo from Mexico City about 11 o'clock this forenoon and left about thirty minutes later on its way to San Antonio.

In the train were several Pullmans and dining cars and long streamers on the sides of the Pullmans notified all that "The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce" were California bound after having had one glorious, grand old time in the Mexican capital.

Opera Company Here Last Night.

The members of the Mexican-Italian Opera Co. of Mexico City, which has been filling an engagement in San Antonio, arrived here yesterday afternoon and filled their engagement at the Strand Theater last night. The company was greeted by a fairly good house, but the place was not filled, as it should have been. There are some fine vocalists with the company, and the company will give two more performances in Laredo at the Royal Opera House tomorrow and Friday nights.

Stomach Troubles

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FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY AND IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Remains of W. H. Mims Were Laid to Rest in Masonic Plot Following Impressive Ceremonies.

The funeral of William Henry Mims, who died at his home, 804 Seymour Avenue, Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, took place from the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock under the auspices of the Knights Templar, and was largely attended, while many beautiful floral tributes attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held in the community in which he had resided for the past thirty-one years. The funeral services at the Methodist church were conducted by Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, former pastor of the Methodist church here, and in his remarks he paid a high tribute to the sterling qualities of the deceased as an upright business man, true Christian and devoted husband and father. The services at the grave were conducted by the Knights Templar. Interment was in the Masonic plot.

The active pall-bearers were Fritz Werner, T. A. Bunn, F. A. Lattig, Con Mims, Robert McCulloch and A. J. Neff, all past commanders of the Knights Templar lodge, which office the deceased had formerly held. The honorary pall bearers were John O. Buecz, J. K. Thompson, J. A. Burnett, Sam W. Brown, O. H. Guinn and L. J. Perkins.

Famous For Colds.

Famous for colds is the widely known Fidelity Mentholated Mountain Pine Cough Syrup. Pleasant to take and relieves colds, coughs and bronchitis at once. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Laredo by City Drug Co.

Public Stenographer.

I am now located at the Hotel Hamilton as public stenographer. Where I will do all classes of English dictation, copying and write letters from dictation. Hours from 9 to 12, 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9 daily except Sunday. Appointments made by all druggists and in Laredo by City Drug Co.

MRS. S. L. BRAGG, 12-8-14t.

American Legion Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Soldiers Club.

F. L. MACKAY, Adjutant.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy; rising temperature.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 21 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 64 degs. Min. temp. 36 degs. General direction of wind: North. Clear.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican. Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9:55 a. m. Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern. Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 9:30 a. m. and arrives at 4 p. m.

Night Train. Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass. Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m. Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

DIVIDE HONORS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 7.—Illinois and Wisconsin divide honors in the selection of players named for the mythical All-Western Conference College football team by F. C. Patterson in the current issue of Collier's Weekly. Of the 11 players chosen for places on the combination Wisconsin gets four; Illinois four; Ohio State two and Iowa one. Mr. Patterson opens his article with a review of the western season and the various teams in the race for the championship won by Ohio State following with a resume of the individual ability of the various players considered for positions on the All-Western team. In part his article is as follows:

"Never in the history of Western football has the enthusiasm been greater than in the season that has just closed. Most of the games have been played before capacity crowds. Conservative estimates show that upward of 400,000 people have paid from \$500,000 to \$600,000 in admissions. Lovers of football have paid a great tribute by their attendance and with their money and it is certain that they are a most important factor in the popularity and success of the game. This being so, they have one request, with a capital R, to make to the rule makers, namely, to pass a rule for the numbering of the players.

"The Conference race was fast and furious, as well as heart-breaking in spots, and it was not until Ohio and Illinois played the last game of the season, at Champaign, that a definite decision was reached. This game was one of the hardest fought games of the season and it was not over until the timekeeper called time. Both these eleven, being coached to perfection in the art of forward passing, played the open style of game, which made it doubly interesting for the spectators.

"It is the opinion of the writer that the Conference teams this year are inferior to the Eastern teams in offensive and defensive line work. They unquestionably lack the power polish that the Eastern teams possess, but I feel perfectly free to state that Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio State are decidedly superior to the best Eastern teams in forward passing.

"While the forward pass has been greatly developed, it does not appear that all coaches are as yet using this as one of the main avenues of attack.

"Crangle of Illinois was decidedly the star of the Conference. The West has never produced a more powerful full back, and it is doubtful if any college in the country has seen his superior this year. He was equally strong on offense and defense. A certain coach was asked what he thought of the Illinois line and he replied: 'He is great.' Illinois did not have a strong line, but, with the ever-present Crangle backing it up it showed up strongly. Wisconsin has a splendid full back in Sundt. What he may have lacked in weight he made up in intelligence and aggressiveness.

"Aubrey Devine of Iowa as quarterback clearly leads in this position. He outranked all contenders in speed, brains, generalship, open field running and forward passing. Workman of Ohio and Robert Fletcher of Illinois both did well, but the honor must go to Devine.

"Elliot of Wisconsin is really a great half back, one of the sturdiest in the Big Ten. He showed this in every game. His work was not flashy, except in picking out forward passes, but he seldom failed to do what he was called upon to do. He is speedy, good at line bucking and open field running, with a nice change of pace, and he was deadly in tackling. Ralph Fletcher of Illinois is giving a position alongside of Elliot and Crangle although he is not a star in advancing the ball. He is, however, invaluable to a team as a placement kicker and has been one of the mainstays for his team in this respect and we think more valuable, on this account, to any team than either Walquist of Illinois or Stinchcomb of Ohio.

"Even to the uninitiated Carney and Weston stand head and shoulders, literally and figuratively, above all other ends in the Conference. These players, we think, are above any pair of ends that have played in the Western gridiron in years. Belding of Iowa and Myers of Ohio are both splendid ends and Belding is chosen for the second team.

"Stinchcomb is too valuable a man to be left off any team and notwithstanding he has played in half-back position all season he is moved over to an end position on the second eleven. Anyone who has seen this boy run and gather up forward passes will understand.

"Scott of Wisconsin and Huffman of Ohio are the two leaders at tackle position and they have by consistent hard work won their laurels. These boys have been alert every moment while playing the defensive, while offensively they were aggressive, knew how to charge, opening holes that a truck could drive through. The backfield men playing behind them have much to be thankful for in having men of their caliber to pave the way. Slater of Ohio failed to live up to expectations, not playing the powerful game that he showed last year. Notwithstanding this, he is still a great tackle. He and Goetz of Michigan played great football all year.

"Flashy, outstanding guards, such as Benbrook of Michigan several years ago, were not to be found in

the Conference this season. However, Trott of Ohio far outclassed the field and must be awarded a position alongside of Scott and Huffman.

"Bunge of Wisconsin is awarded the other guard position. This player is one of the best line men of the year. His position has been at center, where he has proved his worth in every game. He fully understands the work required of a guard, having played guard for Wisconsin all last year. At center both Depler of Illinois and Bunge have had a battle royal for honors. It would be difficult to judge which one has the edge over the other. To use a threadworm expression, both were 'towers of strength' to their respective teams. It is not recorded that either of them made a bad pass. On defense both were fighters to the core. Nemecek of Ohio has also played a consistent game at center."

The complete selection of first and second team players follows:

First Team. Second Team.

Carney, Illinois. Belding, Iowa.

Scott, Wisconsin. McGuire, Chicago.

Bunge, Wisconsin. Brader, Wisconsin.

Depler, Illinois. Nemecek, Ohio State.

Trott, Ohio State. Taylor, Ohio State.

Huffman, Ohio State. Slater, Iowa.

Weston, Wis. Stinchcomb, Ohio State.

A. Devine, Iowa Workman, Ohio State.

Elliot, Wisconsin. Walquist, Ill.

Ralph Fletcher, Ill. C. Devine, Iowa.

Crangle, Illinois. Sundt, Wisconsin.

Full Back.

Half Back.

Quarter.

Full Back.

Half Back.

Quarter.

Full Back.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

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The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will have a social meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. Jeff Edgings passed through the city yesterday en route to Chicago from Mexico City.

Mr. Clarence Jackson of Austin is spending a few days in the city.

Alberto Moro of San Antonio has returned home after a short stay in the city.

Mr. J. H. Freeman after a several days' stay in the city has returned to his home in San Antonio.

Honorable John J. Rhodes, after a visit to the City of Mexico, passed through the city yesterday morning en route to Virginia. Mr. Rhodes is one of the pioneers of the southern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Putegnat of Eastland, Texas, are in the city, for a visit.

Mr. C. D. Adams has returned to his home in Hebbronville, after a several days' stay in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews have returned to their ranch at Webb, after a several days' stay in the city.

Mr. Porter Tankerly of Pearsall is in the city on a business trip.

Mr. Mally Sorrell of Pearsall is in the city for a few days.

Mr. J. Q. Adams of Pearsall is in the city on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tolson of Pearsall are in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. Woodliff Thomas of Cotulla is in the city for a short stay.

Mrs. Sue J. Smith arrived in the city the latter part of the week from Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. George Hatley has returned from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Joe Deutz, and family.

Mr. Joe Woods, formerly Lieutenant in the 37th Infantry, stationed at Fort McIntosh has recently received his discharge from the army at Camp Travis and is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Jones expects to leave on Thursday for her home in Galveston, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatley.

Judge N. A. Rector of Austin is in the city for a short stay.

Mrs. C. F. Yeager and daughter, Miss Marguerite Yeager, have returned from a delightful stay of five months in Vancouver, Canada, where they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fraser and family. They stopped in San Francisco and Los Angeles en route home.

Miss Chilton Hill has returned from a pleasant visit in Austin and San Antonio.

Mr. John Galbraith of Tucson, Arizona, is here on a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Galbraith.

Announcements.

There will be a reception at the Methodist church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, to introduce Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

There will be no meeting of the Parish Guild until after the holidays. The first meeting will be on the first Wednesday in January.

Postponed Meeting.

The program that was to have been given at the Heights School by the Heights Civic Club was postponed on account of the death of Mr. W. H. Mims. It will be given later; the date will be announced.

Nullos Club.

Mrs. A. E. Derby entertained the members of the Nullos Club very delightfully yesterday afternoon. The rooms were attractively adorned in yellow and white chrysanthemums and ferns were also used in decoration. In the series of games of

bridge played the club prize went to Mrs. J. S. Penn, who received an attractive hand-embroidered chafing dish apron. The guest prize, a dainty piece of lingerie, was awarded Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, and the booby prize went to Mrs. Agnes Huberich. The hostess served a delicious salad course after the games. The members present were Mesdames A. C. Hamilton, J. S. Penn, McKinney, Huberich, Whitting, Turner. The guests included Mrs. Hal W. Greer and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club held a well attended meeting yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. R. L. Puster presiding. After the business session, Mrs. Chas. Lines took charge of the program and read an exceptionally fine paper on State Government. Mrs. Thordgill and Miss Pace being unavoidably absent, the rest of the time was given to Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, the president's representative to the State meeting, and she made a wonderful report—an intimate talk on the features that most impressed her. Americanization through education seemed to her to be the dominant note of the convention. Mrs. Young spoke briefly on the Sheppard-Towner Bill, which proposes National aid to the states joining it in maternal and infant welfare work. All members are asked to sign an appeal to Congressman Garner to do all in his power to further this bill, and an assurance to Senator Sheppard that the women of this section are behind him in his efforts in this direction. A most interesting announcement was that of a gift to the club of an old map of Laredo, dated 1883, from Mrs. Foutrell of San Antonio. This valuable gift came through Miss Aline Hamilton, who will care for it until it can be suitably framed, when it will be hung in the library. Needless to say the club voiced its hearty appreciation of Mrs. Foutrell's thoughtfulness. Mrs. R. A. Millar urged the co-operation of the members in the Christmas seal sales, 95 per cent of the proceeds this year remaining in the state to fight tuberculosis. The president also announced the coming, within the next ten days, of Miss Caze and Miss Juniger, special inspectors in the fire prevention department of the state fire marshal's office. They will speak to public school children as well as club women and the president asked the Civics Committee, with Mrs. E. H. Benez, chairman, to show these ladies all possible courtesies on their arrival.

PLAN DRIVE FOR BLUE LAWS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—More than ordinary interest is manifested in the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the International Reform Bureau, which is to begin its sessions here tomorrow in conjunction with meetings of various other reform and temperance bodies, for the reason that the gathering is expected to decide upon definite plans for the much-discussed national drive for Sunday blue laws.

Each of the prominent reform organizations has some particular measure to promote at the present session of Congress, but all are expected to join in the movement for a stricter observance of the Sabbath, believing that this is the best way to bring about other reforms.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia will be asked to have hearings on the Temple-Jones bill "to protect the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, and to secure its observance as a day of rest." Representative Henry W. Temple of Pennsylvania will lead the fight for this measure, the enactment of which in a way, would have as revolutionary results as the adoption of nation-wide prohibition.

If the measure is enacted, the next move, it is said, will be to apply it to army and navy reservations, national parks, the insular possessions and the territory about American embassies, legations and consulates in foreign countries controlled by the United States. In the meantime bills to stop interstate Sunday trains, mails and other activities will be pressed.

The conference which is to assemble here tomorrow is to consider what suggestions for President-elect Harding's cabinet "should we (the members of the conference) support and oppose" and "what reform legislation is needed and how citizens can secure it." One feature of the program will be personal visits to members of Congress to enlist their interests in the proposed Sunday and other moral reform legislation.

The speakers to be heard at the conference will include Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, the founder and superintendent of the International Reform Bureau; Wayne B. Wheeler, legislative superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America; the Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Henry Pringle, assistant superintendent for the International Reform Bureau; sioner of the United States; Representative Upshaw of Georgia, Representative Shreve of Pennsylvania, Senator Thomas Sterling and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

Notice to Hunters.

All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarrai, Burritos and Barro-cito pastures without permission.

J. D. JENNINGS.

10-23-2m.

WILSON'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS TODAY WAS IN THE NATURE OF A VALEDICTORY

Did Not Refer to League of Nations or the Peace Treaty Fight Except by Inference in His Opening--His Message Not So Much Recommendation, He Declared, as a Confession of Faith.

ARREST REPORTER AND-QUESTION HIM

SENT OUT STORY OF ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH CLARA SMITH AT SAN ANTONIO.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 7.—P. M. Ross, a local newspaperman who last night sent out despatches from here saying he had conversed near San Antonio with Miss Clara Smith, sought in connection with the fatal shooting of Jake Hamon and that she gave him a statement admitting that she shot Hamon, was taken into custody by the police early today, questioned for an hour and then released. Ross was detained at the request of Russell Brown county attorney at Ardmore, who asked that the story be investigated and Ross be held as a material witness if necessary. The newspaperman was quizzed closely. Captain James Duncan of the police department said at the conclusion of the conference that he was inclined to doubt the newspaperman's story.

ASK BAKER WHY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Baker was asked today by the house military committee to appear before it Friday and explain why the war department recruited the army to more than 180,000 men.

THE MAD MULLAH.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 6.—The "Mad Mullah," the dervish leader, who seems to bear a charmed life, is now in Abyssinia, safe from British pursuit but of his numerous wives, sons and relatives, only his eldest son and a brother escaped with him.

In the British campaign against him, 60 of his personal followers were killed, including seven of his sons, seven close relatives and four of his advisers. Six sons, his five wives, four daughters and two sisters were captured.

Picturesque details of the fruitless attempts to capture the dervish chieftain are given in an official dispatch from Geoffrey Francis Archer, the British governor of that protectorate.

In the early months of this year, the dervish forces were completely routed, but the Mullah himself once more got away into the interior. Bombing airplanes were used in the campaign and the dispatch records that on the approach of the first air squad the Mullah collected his people around him and awaited their coming under a white canopy used on state occasions.

Some dervishes afterward reported that the Mullah saw in the airplane "a divine manifestation," others said that he had been told that the machines were Turkish and came from Stamboul (Constantinople) to convey the Sultan's greetings.

It was during this first air raid that the Mullah narrowly escaped with his life. His robes were singed by a bomb and he afterward prudently took refuge in caves.

For many days says the dispatch, the Mullah was pursued by the Camel Corps, often on half rations and even on no rations at all. The chase was kept up day and night until there was nothing further to pursue—from the sea to the southern border of the protectorate.

One group of fugitives whose tracks were followed turned out to be not the Mullah and his bodyguard, but a party of Abyssinians. Most of the party were killed, the dispatch adds, and the Mullah, who was close at hand all the time, saw their fate from a hiding place on a neighboring hill.

Government Sale.

D. L. 197. On December 15, 1920, at 10 a. m. at the courtroom of the Federal Building, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following condemned government property, viz: 15 diamond set rings, 1 ruby and diamond set ring, 2 diamond and sapphire set rings, 2 sapphire rings, 2 diamond and ruby set scarfpins, 1 pearl and sapphire set scarfpin, 1 gold watch chain.

J. A. HERRING, Marshal Southern District of Texas.

By ALLAN WALKER, Deputy.

At this time the president wrote a paragraph which might be regarded as his valedictory, saying: "I have acted with a series of measures to secure a cut of at least half of the cotton acreage next year, which they will stand by until my last fighting day. I believe this to be the faith of America, the faith of the nation and of all victories which await national action in the days to come, whether in America or elsewhere."

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LOCAL NEWS

—Preliminary work on the site of the proposed new international foot-bridge is going ahead and everything is being gotten into readiness for active building operations at the earliest possible moment.

—Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-lm.

—Contractor Youmans and his force of workmen are pushing operations on the trenches for the sewerage mains in the southeastern section of the city and in a few days will put the big trench-digging machine to work on the job.

—Typewriting, copying and translating accurately done. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1203. 11-9-lm.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

—Rosa Barragan de Pacelli, the woman who was taken into custody over a week ago and later tried and adjudged insane, will be taken to San Antonio tomorrow by her brother to be committed to the Southwestern Insane Asylum.

—THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigreed seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—All the movie shows had on good programs yesterday and, despite the bad weather, all of the shows were crowded during the afternoon and evening.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-tf.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo on Saturday afternoon. Three carloads of baskets, one carload of litle and one carload of calamine.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf.

—District court which finished one term of eight weeks on Saturday afternoon, began another term of eight weeks this morning, when the grand jury for the term was empaneled by Judge Mullaly.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-tf.

Official Visit Laredo.

A. C. Kaufman, general commercial agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, general headquarters, New York; F. A. Mohr, general manager gulf division, J. F. Wilson, district commercial superintendent and members of Mr. Mohr's staff including G. P. Brinkley, P. R. Napier and E. D. Barnett arrived in Laredo Sunday evening in their business car and will spend Monday inspecting the offices and property of the company in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. Mr. Kaufman is making a tour of the principal offices throughout the United States. He states that Laredo is one of the company's most important border offices and is highly pleased with the steady growth of the Southwest as reflected by the business originating at and passing through this port of entry. The day was spent in investigating local conditions and consideration of such improvements as will be necessary to take care of the anticipated increase in the business resulting from the natural rapid growth of the Southwest and the flattering prospects for the resumption of normal conditions in Mexico.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

- DECEMBER 6.
- 1798—Turin and Piedmont were released to the French by the King of Sardinia.
- 1815—More than 600 persons killed in the explosion of a powder magazine at Dantzic.
- 1834—Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire, who introduced the first prohibition amendment, born at Compton, N. H. Died in Washington, D. C. March 14, 1920.
- 1882—Luis Blanc, celebrated French politician and historian, died at Cannes. Born at Madrid, Oct. 23, 1811.
- 1884—Capstone of the Washington Monument placed.
- 1892—A Greek manuscript of the Gospel of Peter was found in a tomb in upper Egypt.
- 1905—French Senate passed the bill for the separation of Church and State.
- 1918—King Albert and the Belgian royal family were enthusiastically welcomed in Paris.

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN.
12-2-10t.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

Special to the Times:

San Francisco, December 6.—Millions of people will starve to death in the famine of northern China during the next six months unless America comes to the aid, according to travelers who arrived here today on the Pacific Mail Steamship Company steamship Nanking. Headed by United States Minister Charles Crane, the Americans in the Orient are planning heroic measures to bring relief by rushing foodstuffs from the south where the crops are plentiful, provided the military can be persuaded to release the roads for this purpose.

Details of the terrible sufferings now endured by the 40,000,000 people affected by the famine were related by Miss Ellen R. Dunn, Mrs. Lella Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Padgett of Coleman, Texas; Emmette F. Magee of Danville, Va.; J. T. McSparran and Miss Elizabeth Walker of Graham, Va., and Quang Ki Tseng, Chinese minister to Mexico, who is en route to Mexico City via Laredo, Texas.

According to these passengers of the Nanking, Minister Charles F. Crane and the American faculty of the University of Peking, have conducted an official investigation and the results have been forwarded to Washington. Although everything possible is now being done to afford relief, the work will not stop when this has been accomplished. It is instead to interest American capital in the construction of adequate railroads needed to provide transportation between the north and south, and millions of dollars will then be expended to provide a complete system of irrigation for the stricken districts.

The plan is to have the necessary capital provided by American bankers and business interests. The bonds to be floated will be guaranteed by the Chinese government. In addition the friendly relations expected to result will stimulate trade between the two countries. As an indication of this growth of good feeling between the United States and China, four sons and one grandson of the late Yuan Shih Kai, second president of China, were passengers on the Nanking, en route to attend American schools. The boys are only a few of the many now coming here. Formerly but twenty per cent of the youth of China sent abroad to be educated came to this country. Now fully eighty per cent are sent to the United States and only a few sent to England and Europe, according to Leon M. Bocker, special representative of the Department of State, who was in charge of the Yuan Shih Kai boys.

MEALS FOR SCHOLARS.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Judging by their patronage, the 3c and 5c meals put up by the Chicago board of education are making an enormous success.

"The city's 'penny lunch' business runs from forty to fifty thousand customers a day. Sales, measured in pennies and nickels, amount daily between \$4000 and \$5000.

"We have to chase the children away," remarked Dr. Frank G. Bruner, director of special schools under the board of education, who has charge of this work. "Often we have to stand at the door and protect the lunchrooms so they won't be overrun."

Dr. Bruner said that penny lunches had been established in 57 of the city's elementary schools. Their object, he observed, is to provide substantial food at the least cost for children coming from homes where there is real necessity. Lunchrooms therefore have been opened in districts where, as a general thing, the people are not as well to do.

"For five cents," Dr. Bruner said, "the menu runs something like this:

Soup.
Bread.
Milk or Cocoa.
Fruit or pudding.

"The bill of fare at 3c drops the milk. And then a youngster can spend only a penny if he wants to, buying any one of these articles for it. Or if he is not blessed with wealth and yet has more than a penny, he can for two cents purchase a meat ball, beans, spaghetti or rice.

"The board of education is spending \$150,000 a year to provide these meals," added Dr. Bruner. "The board donates all service and equipment. That includes the rooms, cooks, light, gas—the entire maintenance cost. What the children pay goes into the food. We buy at wholesale and the receipts cover the purchase of the food."

In addition to the penny lunches, the board of education supplies a bite to eat at the morning recess at 10:30 in all elementary schools. This sells for a penny and consists of a sandwich with filling of jelly, jam, syrup, peanut butter or oleo, or else a dish of porridge.

Then there are 30 or so high schools. These have their cafeterias. They are run on a different principle, the object being to provide food for students coming from a distance. Dr. Bruner said that in all cases they were self sustaining. In some the cafeterias are operated on a private concession, in others by the board of education.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

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General Mention.

Miss Santoy of Encinal spent several days in the city last week, assisting in the state examinations.

Mrs. H. W. Earnest of San Antonio arrived in the city last week to spend the winter with her son, Mr. H. W. Earnest and family.

Miss Dorothy Wiggins of Monterey, Mexico, is among the visitors in the city. She is the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bettie Atlee is in San Antonio visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kate Dewees.

Mrs. W. L. Irwin, who has been visiting relatives in San Antonio, is expected home in a few days.

The many friends of Mrs. M. W. Brennan will be pleased to learn that she has returned to her home after a recent illness at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vollmer and little son will be among the visitors in the city for the coming holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeWolf are in Dallas for a few days.

Mrs. J. S. Denike expects to leave for San Antonio this week.

Announcements.

The children who are members of the Junior Auxiliary are requested to bring a birthday offering of as many cents as they have had birthdays to the meeting of the Auxiliary on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, which will be given to the missionaries of the church.

Mrs. Albert Martin will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon.

There will be a regular meeting of Miriam Chapter No. 86, Order of the Eastern Star, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Work has been postponed until next meeting.

Program at Heights School.

The following program will be given at the Heights School this evening at 8 o'clock:

Piano..... Miss Sadie Hazelrigg
Reading..... Miss Kathleen Heener
Piano..... Miss Dorothy Hazelrigg
Reading..... Miss Dorothy Hazelrigg

Mr. Claude Hamilton will speak on charter amendments and Dr. Hall will give an interesting talk.

NEWS BY WIRELESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The wireless telegraph as a means of carrying to the farmers agricultural-market news such as prices and conditions is to be tested by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Bureau of Standards. The experiment is to be tried in half a dozen Maryland and Virginia counties adjacent to the District of Columbia and if successful will be extended over the country.

The plans contemplate the eventual use of 17 wireless stations over the country. The wireless news of market conditions and prices will be sent broadcast and arrangements will be made with numerous private licensed operators who would aid in distributing the reports to farmers and others interested in the territory covered.

Present plans for the system provide for the use of ten wireless stations with a 250-mile radius, eight in the East where market centers are more numerous and closer together, and two in the far West; two 300-mile radius stations to reach the outlying points of Maine and New York, to be located in the northeastern part of the country, and five 500-mile radius stations west of the Mississippi river.

Each of the distributing radio stations would be connected with the Washington headquarters and other distributing stations by leased telegraph wires of the present market news service of the Department and twice a day would receive for immediate release by wireless a summarized report of market conditions and quotations at the principal market centers and shipping points. Detailed reports of market conditions in the immediate territory served would also be released, as well as crop and weather reports issued by the Department of Agriculture.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The German Government has expressed to the State Department at Washington its appreciation of the work of the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia, in feeding undernourished children in the Rhine sector occupied by the American troops.

The American Quakers are furnishing one hot meal a day to 650,000 children and nursing mothers in Germany, having engaged in this work at the request of Herbert C. Hoover. During the winter the Friends expect to feed 1,000,000 children and mothers daily. Only the most undernourished children and those in imminent danger of disease are being fed.

The German government's note, which was delivered by the Minister of Switzerland, reads in part as follows:

"For some time an American relief mission has been in operation in the government district of Coblenz, its purpose being to feed undernourished children, and it has already helped thousands of German children. The German government is anxious to express its thanks officially to the American government for this work of unselfish charity.

"The foreign office of the German empire therefore has the honor to request the Swiss legation to convey the sincere thanks of the German government to the State Department at Washington, D. C., through the Swiss legation for the generous work of Mr. Noyes (American member of the Rhineland commission at whose suggestion the Quakers undertook the relief work) and for the self-sacrificing activity of the Quakers who in the service of humanity are creating better living conditions for thousands of German children."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Texas Mexican Railway, to satisfy its lien for freight and other charges, will, at its Freight Station in Aguilares, Texas, on Monday, January 3, 1921, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described freight shipped from Antioch, California, February 2, 1920, originally consigned to C. L. Morrill, Aguilares, Texas, and subsequently reconsigned to Atlas Development Company:

One carload of Pipe, Oil Drilling Cables, old water pipe, old iron, originally loaded in C. & N. W. car 134606.

One carload oil drilling outfit, Rig lumber, Band Wheel, Cog Wheels and Bolter, originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 93220.

One carload second hand lumber and tanks, K. D. originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 97919.

A more accurate description of the freight to be sold is in part as follows: 1 band wheel, 1 calf wheel, Sills, Jack posts, walking beam, engine sills, 1 Ajax Engine 25 h. p. complete, 1 steam boiler, 1 belt pulley, one lot 3/4 inch water pipe, 2 sets jars, 1 twelve inch bit, 1 ring and slips, 1 eight inch bit, 1 eight inch under-reamer, 2 fishing tools, 1 Latch Jack, 2 Subs, 2 Tool Wrenches, Sand Line Shive, 1 Temper screw, Bull Wheel Rope, 1 C Clamp, 1 twelve inch, 1 eight inch and 1 six inch Dart Bailer, 1 Swivel Hook, 3 pieces smoke stack, 3 Shive Blocks, 5 crown block shives, 5 eight inch elevators, 2 twelve inch elevators, 1 calf wheel chain, Pillow blocks for calf wheel, 1 Roll Belting, 1 Fishing Spear, 1 bailer, 1 Bull wheel Brake band, 2 Wireline sockets, 1 Woodpecker socket, 1 eight inch bailer, 2 Tool wrenches, 1 twelve inch pipe wrench, 1 Forge Jack, 1 Light pump Jack, Snicker Rods, Pump Cylinder, 3 reels steel cable, 1 6 h. p. engine, 1 Dressing block, 1 lot 1 1/2 inch pipe, 1 wooden stove tank, 2 Galv. Iron tanks, 21 bolts, 4 Turnbuckles, 1 Spool guy wire, 1 circle, 1 screw Jack, 1 cook table, 4 wire cots, 1 cook stove, 3 wooden doors, miscellaneous rig iron, etc.

Proceeds of such sale will be disposed of as required by law.

C. M. FISH,
Traffic Manager,
The Texas Mexican Ry.
Laredo, Texas, November 29, 1920.
11-30-29t.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Celebration of St. Nicholas Day, which in Holland corresponds to our Christmas.

The Supreme Court of the United States reconvenes today after a two week's recess.

The Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States assembles today for its final session.

The annual Cotton Carnival at Corpus Christi, Texas, will be opened today and continued through the week.

The first of a series of health conferences authorized by the International Health Conference at Cannes is to be opened today in Washington, D. C.

Officers of 45 cattlemen's associations in 12 Western States are to gather today in Salt Lake City for a series of important conferences relating to the livestock industry.

The wedding is to take place in Jerusalem today of Edwin, eldest son of Sir Herbert Samuel, British high commissioner to Palestine, and Hadasah, daughter of Rev. Mr. Groszovsky.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

CLOSING SESSION OF CONGRESS OPENED AT NOON WITH ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HARDING

President-Elect Welcomed by Senators and Greeted by Galleries When He Entered Just Before Noon--He Forecast Day of Co-operation and Friendly Relations Between Both Branches.

REVERSED FINDING IN NEGRO RIOT CASE

REMANDED FOR NEW TRIAL ON ERROR FROM CIRCUIT COURT IN ARKANSAS.

By Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 6.—On the grounds that Judge Phillips of the circuit court erred in refusing to permit the introduction of evidence to support the charge of prejudice in the exclusion of negroes shown in the selection of petit jury, the Arkansas supreme court reversed and remanded for new trials the cases of the Elaine negro rioters under death sentence.

IS WORRIED OVER UNDUE PUBLICITY

MRS. HAMON ESPECIALLY ANNOYED AT PUBLICATION OF ALLEGED DIARY OF WOMAN.

By Associated Press.

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Jake Hamon, wife of the late Republican national committeeman, today expressed worry over the publicity given developments since the death of Mr. Hamon, especially the publication of the alleged diary of Miss Clara Smith, which she characterized as vicious and appealing to the baser instincts of young women. Russell Brown, county attorney, said he had telegraphed the chief of police in Kansas City to regain possession of the alleged diary, supposed to have been part of the contents of the trunk of Miss Smith, opened there. Sheriff Buck Garrett, who had been requested to obtain the clothing Hamon wore when he was shot and the pistol with which the wound was inflicted, was absent from Ardmore today. The articles could not be obtained from Frank Ketch, who returned to Ardmore from the West Texas oil fields yesterday. Ketch said he made a purely business trip and planned to return to Fort Worth today on another business trip with Jake Hamon, Jr.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS MEET.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 6.—Prominent leaders in the engineering profession from all sections of the United States and Canada are gathering in this city in anticipation of the opening tomorrow of the forty-first annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In some respects the meeting this year promises to be the most notable in the history of the society.

A feature of the program will be the keynote session on Transportation at which the engineering and economic problems of railroads, waterways, terminals and trucks will be discussed and solutions advanced by authorities of national reputation.

Six of the newly formed professional sections have arranged to hold sessions. Two sections, fuel and textiles, will deal with the broad problems of their field. The management section will consider the life and work of Harry L. Gantt. The machine shop, power and railroad sections will hear discussions on vital subjects. In addition to these, there will be a session on appraisal and valuation, one on engineering in wood-working, and one or two general sessions for the presentation of the important papers received by the society which cannot be otherwise assigned. Post-war problems of national import will be discussed.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 6.

Supreme Council demanded that Germany sign the protocol.

British parliament passed measure giving India liberal form of self-government.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The third and final session of the Sixty-sixth congress began today, with President-elect Harding in his seat in the senate. The galleries began to fill early in the day and were crowded when the gavel of Vice President Marshall and Speaker Gillette fell promptly at noon. Senator Harding was given a round of applause as he entered the senate chamber a little before noon. Spectators rose all over the galleries to obtain a better view of the president-elect, who entered from the Republican cloak room with Senator Lodge, the Republican leader. Mr. Harding was surrounded immediately by a crowd of senators, who shook hands and clapped him upon the back. The president-elect welcomed his admirers with a broad smile. The day of co-operation and friendly relations between the White House and congress was forecast by Mr. Harding in a short address. He disclaimed a desire to criticize the present administration, but declared it was his ambition to insure teamwork between the two branches of the government.

Harding Addresses Senate.

Washington, Dec. 6.—After a conference between Senator Harding and the Republican senate leaders it was indicated that he probably will make a brief address to the senate some time during the afternoon.

Don't Require Approval.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A subcommittee to determine whether the resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation shall be a joint or concurrent one was appointed today by the joint congressional committee holding hearings on the agricultural situation. A concurrent resolution would not require the approval of President Wilson.

To Stop Immigration.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A favorable report on the Johnson bill prohibiting immigration into the United States for a period of two years was ordered by the house immigration committee. Chairman Johnson of the committee said the measure would be given precedence in the house.

Accident to Transformer.

In some inexplicable way one of the transformers of the Laredo Electric and Railway Company was damaged yesterday resulting in shutting off the lights of an entire section last night. The Times motor was also without current for the greater part of the day, which caused a delay of some hours in getting the paper out.

LOOK FOR GREAT BILLIARDS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 6.—Devotes of the green table sport are on edge in an anticipation of the national championship 18.2 ballline billiard tournament, which is to be opened tonight in the assembly room of the Hotel Astor. There is every reason to believe that the tournament will be productive of some of the best competitive billiards ever seen.

Under the arrangement in force this season—that of first playing a preliminary round in San Francisco, through the medium of which the players finishing first and second qualified to meet Champion Willie Hoppe in the final round—only three players will meet in the title event, Welker Cochran, who finished first in the preliminary round, and Young Jake Schaefer, the runner-up, undoubtedly represent the strongest ballline players who could be mustered for a drive for the title which Hoppe has held for fifteen years. The ability displayed by Cochran and Schaefer in the San Francisco competition warrant the assertion that they are playing in better form than ever before in their careers.

COAL CONFERENCES.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 6.—Texas mine owners and union miners began a series of conferences here this morning to adjust working conditions. No wage differences or serious disagreements exist.

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ELECTION RETURNS FAVOR CONSTANTINE

RETURN OF DEPOSED KING IS PROBABLE ON FACE OF RETURNS OF PLE.

BISCITE.

By Associated Press.

Athens, Dec. 6.—Returns from the plebiscite held throughout Greece yesterday to decide whether the Greek people should recall former King Constantine to the throne made vacant by the death of his son, King Alexander, indicate an overwhelming majority in favor of Constantine. All arrangements have been made for the return of Constantine from Switzerland.

PERMISSION TO SELL PART OF THEIR LINE

EASTERN TEXAS ROAD MAY SEE THE LINE BETWEEN LUFKIN AND KEN.

NARD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Eastern Texas Railroad Company today was authorized by the interstate commerce commission to abandon its branch line between Lufkin and Kenard, Texas. The commission attributed the order to lack of traffic. The commission also stipulated that the Eastern Texas road must offer the property for sale at a sum not to exceed \$50,000.

WON ANTI-TRUST SUIT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The government today won its anti-trust suit against the Lehigh Railroad company and affiliated corporations.

RAW MATERIALS.

By Associated Press.

Albany, Dec. 6.—The Allied Commission of Control is bitterly attacked by the "Journal Der Morgen" which charges the body with arbitrary seizure of raw materials not essentially military and thereby forcing the country to seek credits to replace the seized materials.

The industrial rehabilitation has been retarded by these methods, the "Journal" adds. The Commission, "Der Morgen" further charges, is purposely delaying its work in order that the members and their families may live in Vienna on huge incomes in princely style. It asserts that the "profligate" use of motor cars by members of the commission is enraging and embittering the population. The "Journal" demands immediate parliamentary action.

Death of Mr. W. H. Mims.

Mr. W. H. Mims, one of the pioneer residents of Laredo, and a man who was loved by all who knew him, died at his home, 804 Seymour Avenue, this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Had deceased lived until December 18 he would have been 89 years old. The funeral will take place from the home to the city cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. An extended obituary will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Times.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 6.

Atlee Pomerene, United States senator from Ohio, born in Holmes County, Ohio, 57 years ago today.

Charles S. Thomas, United States senator from Colorado, born at Darien, Ga., 71 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Granville Hudson Sherwood, Episcopal bishop of Springfield, Ill., born at Elgin, Ill., 42 years ago today.

Herbert Edwin Hawkes, dean of Columbia University, born at Templeton, Mass., 48 years ago today.

William S. Hart, one of the most widely known of motion picture actors, born at Newburg, N. Y., 44 years ago today.

From Tuesday's Daily.

THE FINAL ACT.

The opening of the last session of the Sixty-sixth congress today indicated that there is not going to be harmony as between congress and the president. At least, one of the first acts was to appoint a sub-committee to decide whether a resolution should be joint or concurrent. In the latter case, it was pointed out, it would not require Mr. Wilson's approval.

Another significant straw showing the direction of the wind was a statement by President-elect Harding in which he forecast the day of co-operation and friendly relations between the White House and congress.

That there was ever anything else was due to congress, especially to the Republican majority for the past two years and the insurgent and irreconcilable Democratic element which was determined to oppose anything the president desired or did.

It remains to be seen whether a spirit of compromise in the interests of the people shall dominate the remaining days of this congress or a determined effort on the part of the Republicans to shape things so as to have an overwhelming advantage when the new congress comes into power.

It is not at all unreasonable to forecast the adoption of several measures which were strenuously opposed during the previous sessions of this congress. The victory won, there is no reason why congress should not let the people have what they want, especially as much of the opposition was merely for political effect during the campaign.

There are many important matters that should be completed before the new congress takes office. It is not likely that President Wilson will show any opposition to the enactment of any legislation that he knows to be desirable, even though it be initiated and carried through by the Republican majority.

But much needed legislation was left undone because the Republican majority was determined to accept nothing that originated with the president, and his recommendations were not permitted to influence the action of the house or senate, except when it suited them to do something he did not oppose.

It is a striking commentary upon existing conditions when the incoming president promises co-operation and friendly relations with congress in a manner which indicates that it is really a concession on his part.

Up to the closing days of the last session, Senator Harding was one of the most determined opponents of the present administration, and it was due to the people with whom he was associated and who were mainly responsible for his election that there was any friction between the White House and congress.

But the indication that every effort will be made to adopt laws and measures during the remainder of the session in such a way as not to require President Wilson's approval does not indicate that he is predisposed to disapprove; merely that the matter will be such as could not hope to secure his approval, regardless of the complexion of those responsible for it.

It is distressing to think that in all probability the country will have to wait for its more important legislation until next March at the earliest. Those who hoped for some attention to such matters as relief of the farmers, an attack on the high cost of living, prosecution in the more flagrant cases of profiteering and other things which affect the public nearly, will have to settle down to a period of patient waiting.

But all things come to an end, and perhaps the best thing that can happen to the people is to have a prompt ending of the present session, even if they do not accomplish much. They could at least avoid having useless filibusters and a needless deadlock.

GRASPING AT STRAWS.

Some months ago a number of negroes in Arkansas, whose passions and racial prejudices were cleverly worked on by skilled propagandists, began a conspiracy for a negro uprising and held meetings, where the most incendiary speeches were made and negroes to the number of thousands in that vicinity were preparing for the outbreak.

Arms and ammunition were provided, the negroes were drilled and instructed as to their several duties, and all was practically ready for the new black insurrection when the plot was discovered.

In the raid on the negro meeting by the officers of the law several persons were killed by the black conspirators, frantic with fear of arrest and punishment, and some of the leaders in the conspiracy were arrested and afterward tried on a charge of murder, being convicted and given the death penalty.

Now the supreme court of Arkansas, with a due regard to justice and the determination to administer it impartially, has reversed and remanded the cases for retrial, on the purely technical ground that the lower court erred in not admitting certain evidence.

This evidence was calculated to support a charge of prejudice in not admitting negroes to the jury which tried the accused. Naturally, there is no court having a due regard for the protection of the people who would have admitted another negro to sit in

judgment on this gang of negro murderers, for his racial sympathy and prejudice against the whites would tend to prevent a conviction, no matter how complete the evidence of guilt.

In the trial court, therefore, the judge and the prosecutor could not help committing the error which is technically inadmissible—that of refusing to accept any negro for a juror. And the negroes—all of whom are undoubtedly guilty of the crime with which they were charged, and all of whom were engaged in a conspiracy which would have led to the killing of many hundreds of white people, among them women and children—must have a new trial.

The guilt of the accused was established by many competent and credible witnesses. There cannot be the slightest question of their guilt. They were captured—some of them, at least—with arms in their hands, and they did not deny being present when the officers were killed. The other negroes testified that the accused were leaders in the conspiracy. And the officers and detectives who worked on the case testified that those who were charged with murder were the ones they had been searching for as leaders.

The respite given by the order for a new trial may be all that was hoped for by counsel for the accused. That they should escape the penalty of the law is not for a moment to be admitted. Neither is it to the benefit of the community that they should receive a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

The death of these criminal conspirators seems required by all the circumstances. If there were the slightest doubt of their guilt, it might be permissible to commute their death penalty to imprisonment. But to make any lighter the punishment of the crime for which they are to suffer would be to serve notice upon the white people of that section that the law does not protect as fully as it is supposed to do.

And the other negroes will see in the escape of these debased brutes the hope of immunity for similar crimes in the future. They will argue that the skilled attorneys who defended the present accused are smart enough to save any negro from the just punishment for crime. The supreme court could do nothing else than reverse the finding of the lower court on error. But the new trial cannot result in anything else than the conviction for the second time of these negroes who were sworn to destroy white people because of racial hatred.

A LAREDO MAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Can you doubt the evidence of this Laredo citizen?

You can verify Laredo endorsement. Read this:

Chas. Wharton, 1206 Davis Ave., Laredo, says: "My back pained all the time, and when I bent over, I had a hard time straightening up again. My kidneys didn't act right and the secretions burned in passage. A friend told me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, so I got a box. I was helped from the first, and after taking two boxes, my kidneys were normal and my back strengthened."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wharton had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

RECEIVING MANY LETTERS FROM LAREDO DELEGATION

As Chamber of Commerce Delegation Proceeds on Its Way Through Mexico Many Courtesies Shown.

"We are having the time of our lives. I wouldn't have missed this trip through old Mexico for anything." That is the tenor of many of the letters being received by the folks at home from the members of the Laredo delegation who are now touring Mexico aboard their special train.

There are many men in the party who have never before gone further into Mexico than Nuevo Laredo, and to these the excursion is proving one of the greatest revelations of their lives, and they are going sights that will make them boosters of Mexico and cause them to tell people hereafter "if you want to see beauty and the handiwork of nature, go through Mexico—it offers scenery and landscape effects that even Europe or this country do not possess." When the Laredoans return home they will have good reason, for they have been accorded every hospitality everywhere they have gone.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 7.

General Sir Bruce M. Hamilton, a prominent British commander in the late war, born 63 years ago today.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Moundsville, W. Va., 54 years ago today.

Cale Young Rice, noted as poet and dramatist, born at Dixon, Ky., 48 years ago today.

Horace Boies, former governor of Iowa and at one time nationally prominent as a Democratic leader, born in Erie County, N. Y., 93 years ago today.

Sir Edward Wallington, for many years private secretary to Queen Mary, born 66 years ago today.

LOCAL NEWS

The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Cecilio Leal and Miss Royce Diaz.

Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-1m.

It is reported that one or two of the concerns which have been at work drilling for oil in the Laredo section are preparing to resume operations and continue until oil is found or it is determined there is no oil on the sites where the operations have been in progress.

Typewriting, copying and translating accurately done. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1203.

11-9-1m.

This is the last month of the deer season, and if you have not gotten your quota of venison for the season, better get that little gun and get busy between now and next year, or you must wait until next season.

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

4-27-1f.

The only importations brought across from Mexico yesterday afternoon were goods brought by truck across the international footbridge.

Importations in large quantities are expected to begin in a few days.

THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigreed seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-1f.

The cool norther which struck here last evening, accompanied by a stiff breeze, caused the mercury to take a big tumble, but while this morning was unusually windy, nevertheless it was not what could be considered cold. It was what the old timers termed a "dry nor'wester."

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1f.

We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-1f.

SOME OF LAREDOANS RETURN DELIGHTED OVER THE TRIP

Laredo Excursion Left San Luis Potosi Yesterday Continuing Visits to Other Mexican Cities.

Justo S. Penn, L. J. Christen, Paul Sulak, F. Garcia Moreno and Matias de Llano, members of the Laredo delegation touring Mexico on a special train, and who were at the inauguration of President Obregon, returned to Laredo this afternoon at 1 o'clock, arriving on the regular train just ahead of the special carrying Governor Hobby and party.

The members of the party arriving today left the delegation at San Luis Potosi yesterday at noon and started home. They report having had a most delightful journey to Mexico City, where they were the recipients of many courtesies and guests at receptions and other functions, and that after leaving the capital the same kindly treatment and friendly attitude of the Mexican officials and people was in evidence everywhere their train stopped. The remainder of the Laredo delegation aboard their special train will reach Laredo on Monday evening.

NO RESPONSE IS RECEIVED REGARDING MEXICAN BAND

Mexican Vice Consul Peña Has Received No Response to Telegrams Which He Sent to Mexico City.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mexican Vice Consul Lisandro Peña has exerted every effort possible to get the Banda Estado Mayor to come to Laredo from Galveston instead of embarking on a steamer for Vera Cruz or Tampico on Thursday morning, no response to telegrams sent to Mexico City has been received at the Mexican consulate here.

The probability is that the band director has completed all the arrangements for passage on the steamer Jalisco and these plans will not be changed, which means that the big band will return to Mexico via the water route instead of coming through Laredo as originally planned.

The World Admires A Man of Nerve

The man of nerve energy stands out in his successes to the admiration of every one.

With strong healthy nerves and good rich blood pulsing through his body, he accomplishes great tasks. With clear eye, active brain and steady hand, he thinks quickly and works fast. He has the tremendous energy which ensures success.

SENSAPERSA

will help give you this nerve energy. It will assist you by giving relief from nervous indigestion, brain fog, insomnia and that terrible feeling of despondency caused by non-success. Take Sensapera at once and see what a wonderful change it will make, it should double your nerve health in ten days. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00 at your Druggist or from City Drug Co.

WILLIAM HENRY MIMS, NEAR 80 YEARS OLD, PASSES AWAY

WAS A MAN HELD IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM IN COMMUNITY.

Was a Confederate Soldier During War and Came to Laredo to Make His Home Here 31 Years Ago.

One of those grand old types of Southern gentlemen whose very presence made one feel at home with a friend, and who in the troublous days from 1891 to 1895, when American business was engaged in the transaction of the bloody battle of Laredo for the cause that they felt was the just one, and who followed the Stars and Bars throughout that sanguinary conflict until "The Conquered Banner" was furled never again to be unfurled on battlefield, closed his eyes in peaceful slumber yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock when William Henry Mims joined the innumerable caravan in another world there to repose forevermore.

With the calling away of Mr. Mims the city of Laredo lost one of its most highly respected and valuable citizens, a man who for thirty-one years had made his home here with his family and who, by his upright, honest and gentlemanly manner increased his legion of friends as the years rolled by, and these, with the members of his family, feel his loss the keenest.

William Henry Mims was a native of Piquan county, Mississippi, where he was born December 18, 1849, and had he lived twelve days longer he would have celebrated his eightieth birthday. He was reared and educated in Columbus, Georgia, and at the age of twenty-one years, when the terrors of civil war resounded throughout the land and his beloved Southland needed his services, he donned the uniform and went forth to the fray as a member of the City Light Guards of Columbus, Ga., which later became Co. A, Second Independent Battalion of Infantry of Wright's Brigade in Anderson's Division of General A. P. Hill's Third Army Corps, and participated in a number of the big battles of the civil war. He remained with the Confederacy until General Lee surrendered at Appomattox courthouse and the Stars and Bars were hoisted again in defeat.

Decided was married in Uniontown, Alabama, to Miss Annie Royce, who with two sons, William H. Mims, Jr., of New York City, and Royle K. Mims, president of the First State Bank & Trust Co. of Laredo, survive him. Thirty-one years ago Mr. Mims moved with his family to Laredo and had since made his home here, engaging in the real estate and insurance business soon after his arrival and continuing the business under the firm name of W. H. Mims & Co. up to about six months ago, when, on account of the infirmities of old age, he retired from business, disposing of his real estate and insurance business to Sam A. Westbrook.

All who had dealings with Mr. Mims were the ones who spoke of him in words of praise for his honesty, integrity and fair dealings, and of those he made friends who held him in the highest esteem. He was a member of the Knights Templar, Masons and Elks, in all of which orders he had held offices of the highest trust and responsibility and always performed his duties well, retiring from these offices, too, on account of his advanced years some time ago. He was also a member of the Methodist church.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family home, 804 Seymour Avenue, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, with interment in the Masonic plot in the city cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN.
12-2-10f.

DISTRICT COURT GRINDING AND SETTING CIVIL DOCKET

NUMBER OF VISITING AND LOCAL LEGAL LIGHTS ATTEND.

Grand Jury Turned in Four Bills of Indictment This Morning and Then Resumed Their Work.

The second term of eight weeks of district court, which was convened at the courthouse here yesterday morning by District Judge Mullally, is being busily engaged in the transaction of business and a number of local and visiting members of the bar are present.

Yesterday and today has been devoted to the calling and setting of civil cases on the docket for this term. Some few cases have also been continued, while others have been put down on the docket for some particular day of the term on which they will be taken up for trial.

The grand jury which was empaneled at the convening of court yesterday morning, was at work yesterday afternoon investigating matters directed to their attention by District Attorney Valls. Up to this morning the grand jury had returned four bills of indictment, three of them being against the following parties:

Valeriano Aguilar, embezzlement over \$50.

Gabriel Valles, theft under \$50.

Gabriel Valles, burglary.

After turning in the four bills this morning the grand jury resumed their deliberations and are still at work.

MEXICAN-ITALIAN OPERA CO. ARRIVES THIS AFTERNOON

Will Give Two Operas at the Strand Theater This Evening; Capacity Houses Are Expected.

The Mexican-Italian Opera Co., composed of sixty people from Mexico City, comprising some of the greatest singers of Mexico, will arrive in Laredo this afternoon from San Antonio to fill an engagement at the Strand Theater prior to their return to Mexico City.

The operas "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" two of the olding classics in grand opera, will be presented at the Strand this evening beginning at 8:29 o'clock, doors open at 7:30. This is the greatest grand opera organization ever giving a performance in this city, and the music lovers of Laredo will no doubt fill the Strand to capacity this evening to hear this opera organization in the operas they have on the program.

Taken to San Antonio Today.

Rosa Farragan de Facelli, the de-aged woman who has been in the county jail here the past ten days, and who was several days ago adjudged insane and ordered to be committed to an insane asylum, was taken to San Antonio this morning by Deputy Sheriff Chas. Phillips. The cries of this unfortunate woman day and night in the county jail were most heartrending and those in the neighborhood of the jail are glad that she has been taken to the asylum where she can be given the proper care and treatment.

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GOVERNOR HOBBY AND PARTY RETURN FROM MEXICO TRIP

LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON ON SPECIAL TRAIN FOR SAN ANTONIO.

Members of the Party Were in Good Spirits and Everybody Pleased With Big Time in Mexico City.

The special train carrying Governor W. P. Hobby and party on their return from Mexico City, where they have been for the past ten days, arrived in Nuevo Laredo shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon and crossed to the American side soon thereafter.

Besides Governor and Mrs. Hobby and members of Governor Hobby's staff, there were a number of representatives of other governors of southern states in the party and a number of distinguished gentlemen generally. As The Times was preparing to go to press this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock it was announced that the special train carrying Governor Hobby and party to San Antonio would leave shortly before 3 o'clock.

All the members of the delegation with Governor Hobby were in good spirits and expressed themselves as having had one of the most pleasant times of their lives while in Mexico City where the Texas governor was accorded many courtesies, receptions, etc., by President Obregon and the officials and people of Mexico City generally.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given to the public that on December 1, 1920, in Cause No. 5422, styled T. A. Coleman vs. Nicolas Cardenas et al, pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas, wherein T. A. Coleman is complainant and Nicolas Cardenas and Pablo Vera, who reside in Webb County, Texas, and various other persons whose names are unknown to the complainant, are defendants, that

of said Court granted complainant an injunction against said defendants and all persons having notice thereof against the said defendants or any of them, such persons enjoining and restraining said defendants and persons from entering upon the premises and pastures situate in Webb County, Texas, known as the Melon and Carricitas and various traps used in connection therewith, all of which are described by notes and bounds in the original bill of complaint filed in said cause and further enjoining and restraining all of such persons from hunting or camping thereon, or wandering afoot therein, or discharging firearms or carrying dogs thereon, or from bearing artificial lights therein under penalty of being punished for contempt of said Court for the violation of said order.

And any person entering upon said premises in violation of said order will be forthwith cited before said Court to show why such person is violating said order should not be by said Court punished for contempt.

T. A. COLEMAN.
Lessee of property above described.
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TODAY'S EVENTS.

Congress today will receive the last annual message of President Wilson.

Today is municipal election day in a number of the leading cities of Massachusetts.

What promises to be one of the most important annual meetings in the history of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will be opened today in New York City.

The Massachusetts legislature is to convene in special session today to receive the report of a commission named to revise and consolidate the general laws of the State.

Bankers, business men and farmers from all the Cotton States are to gather in Memphis today to discuss plans for a radical reduction in the cotton acreage.

Mr. Harding and his party will leave Bedford City in time to reach Washington at noon Monday.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 7.

John M. Morehead, who is being urged for a post in the next cabinet as a recognition of the Republicans in the South, is the only Republican representative who has been sent to Congress from North Carolina in recent years. Mr. Morehead represented the Fifth North Carolina district in the Sixty-first Congress and during his term of service he displayed abilities of a marked character. He is a native of Charlotte, N. C., and a graduate of the State university, from which he received his A. B. degree at the age of 20. After completing his studies he engaged in farming and in later years acquired extensive interests in manufacturing and other industries, being especially prominent as a woolen manufacturer.

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WELCOME TO HARDING.

By Associated Press.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 6.—Virginia will extend a fitting welcome to the President-elect and Mrs. Harding on their arrival tomorrow from Panama. From the time they land here from the steamship Pastores, until they leave the Old Dominion for Washington, D. C., after a two-days' visit Virginia hospitality will hold away and politics will be forgotten.

Tampon Roads cities will honor the newly-elected President during Saturday. The Western part of the State will extend its welcome on Sunday when he visits the Elks' National Home at Bedford City, to deliver the annual memorial address before Elks from all parts of the country.

Leading early tomorrow morning, the President-elect and Mrs. Harding will be met by a reception committee and escorted in automobiles through Phoebus and Hampton, with a possible visit to the Soldiers' Home located between the two towns. At Newport News a visit will be made to the shipyard where a number of naval craft, including three great battleships and two battle cruisers are under construction. Afterward, a public reception will be held in the Academy of Music and it is expected the President-elect will make an address. A tour will follow through the business section of the city and as the party passes under the Victory Arch the school children and Boy Scouts assembled there will extend their greeting. After a luncheon in his honor at a hotel, the President-elect and his party will cross Hampton Roads to visit Norfolk. The afternoon will be spent visiting points of interest in Norfolk; with possibly a visit to the navy yard at Portsmouth and the great Hampton Roads naval training station. A dinner in honor of Mr. Harding will be given during the evening and later it is expected he will address a meeting arranged by the reception committee. The President-elect and his party will leave Norfolk about 11 P. M., on a special train which will reach Bedford City early Sunday morning.

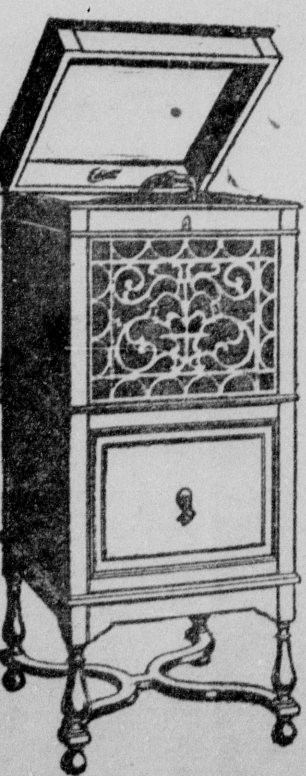
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A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

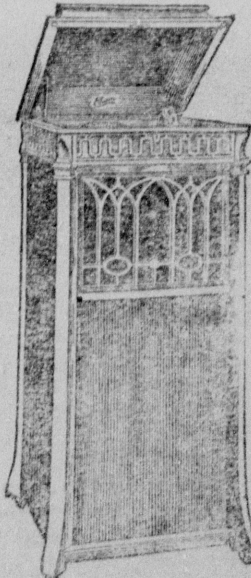
- 1672—Richard Bellingham, the Massachusetts colonial governor whose sister was burned as a witch, died. Born in England about 1592.
- 1796—Washington met both houses of Congress for the last time as President of the United States.
- 1815—Marshal Ney was shot for high treason in joining Napoleon upon his return from Elba.
- 1827—Lord Beaconsfield (then Benjamin Disraeli) delivered his first speech in the House of Commons.
- 1870—The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg attacked the French Army of the Loire, without decisive result.
- 1879—Completion of the Cincinnati Southern railroad.
- 1800—Buenos Aires was selected as the permanent capital of the Argentine Republic.
- 1918—New York City adopted an ordinance prohibiting the display of the red flag in parades or public gatherings.

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AMERICA'S FLEET.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The mechanical condition of American's fleet has undergone little improvement since the termination of the war and the engineer performance of the individual ships "has not been satisfactory," Rear Admiral Griffin, chief of the bureau of engineering says in his annual report made public today at the Navy Department.

The Navy personnel, however, is commended by the admiral for having "successfully grappled with this situation with at least no retrograde movement." Admiral Griffin adds, however, that the operation of the ships with respect to their mechanical workings is not by any means what is desired although it has been better than "was reasonably to be expected" under the conditions.

Admiral Griffin attributed the troubles of the engineering staff mainly to an inadequacy of operating personnel, but explains that the influx of raw recruits coupled with the constant addition of new vessels to the Navy list has increased the problems. The lack of men reacted on the engineering bureau in two ways, the admiral says.

The number of repair jobs usually classed as navy-yard work was greatly increased due to the decreased skill in operation while the yards were, in addition, called upon to perform much work which ordinarily would be accomplished by the forces of individual ships. The appropriations for the upkeep of the fleet were, in many cases, therefore, used for the performance of work ordinarily done by enlisted men. The unusual demand served to reduce funds available for major repair work.

In addition to the extra cost caused by the personnel situation, the admiral says a number of other factors combined to increase the difficulties with which the bureau was confronted. There was a large amount of upkeep work, left over from the wartime operation the report says and with this came closely pared appropriations in the face of increased labor and material costs.

The Navy pay scale also has served to reduce the number of skilled and technical employees who were able to obtain higher wages elsewhere. The situation, the admiral declares is one which would occasion concern even under ordinary circumstances.

Development of the Navy's shore establishment has been aided substantially, Admiral Griffin says, through the cessation of work on wartime extensions in the plants and the consequent reversion of those unused materials and equipment to the general stocks allowed by the appropriation bills.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

Tears are antiseptic; they kill microbes.

The average life of an oyster is about ten years.

Goethe was over eighty when he wrote the second part of "Faust."

The blindworm is not blind; neither is it a worm, but a kind of lizard.

Although rubies are usually red, there are violet, pink and purple ones. Something like 560,000 gallons of tea are consumed by Londoners every day.

The debris from slate quarries, ground into dust, is now converted into face powder.

Millions of dollars' worth of merchandise is left unclaimed in the dock warehouses of London every year.

Arab physician discovered the distillation of alcohol from the lees of wine through experiments with mustard.

The moon's mountains are not only far more numerous than those of the earth, but also very much larger in proportion to its size.

When an apple tree near South Norwalk, Conn., had been struck by lightning, the apples left hanging on the tree were found to be baked.

Living in the Scotch village of Inverkip are twin brothers, James and William Ford, aged ninety-five. Neither of them has had a day's illness, and James has never been a single night out of the house in which he was born.

An egg with a white shell doesn't contain so much nutriment as a brown-shelled one. There is more water and less fat in it. Knowing this, and realizing that most people prefer brown ones, some dealers make a practice of coloring eggs with coffee or cold tea.

At a motion picture theater recently a set of false teeth was found on one of the seats after the evening performance. Next day an old lady called for them, and explained that a comedy made her laugh so much that her teeth dropped out without her knowing.

In spite of the great changes of government in Russia, the old Czardouble is still in circulation. Nobody knows who has the plates, but the stuff is still being printed and is always welcomed by the peasant in preference to the new currencies, which he does not trust.

It was owing to cattle refusing to drink from an impregnated spring on Epsom Common in 1618 that Epsom salt was discovered. Doctors examined the spring, and in consequence of their verdict all the aristocracy of England were hurrying to Epsom a few years later to take the waters.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 8.

Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who reaches the age for statutory retirement today was commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet throughout the World War. Like the Admiral Deway, he comes from Vermont. His naval career began in 1876, the year of his graduation from Annapolis. By 1899 he had risen to the rank of lieutenant-commander, and in the war with Spain he made a creditable record. Since that time his record has been the usual one of alternating land and sea duty. In 1913he became a rear admiral, and during the ensuing three years he commanded a division of the Atlantic Fleet. It was while on this assignment that he figured prominently off Tampico, Mexico, and asserted United States authority at Vera Cruz.

ALL WESTERN FOOTBALL.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 8.—In the current issue of "Collier's Weekly" the All-Western Conference Football eleven, as selected by E. C. Patterson, a western football official, are published. As usual he picks first and second teams and in his first eleven Wisconsin and Illinois divide the honors, each having four representatives, while Ohio state has two and Iowa the other one.

Cranle, of Illinois, is given credit of being the star of the conference; the most powerful fullback ever produced in the West. Aubrey Devine, of Iowa, leads the quarterbacks and Elliot, of Wisconsin, is mentioned as the greatest and sturdiest fullback. Next to these three Fletcher, the Illinois halfback, is rated as being the most valuable player although not a star in advancing the ball. According to Mr. Patterson, Carney, of Illinois, and Weston of Wisconsin, stand head and shoulders, both figuratively and literally, above all other conference ends. Scott of Wisconsin and Huffman of Ohio, are the leaders among those playing tackle positions. The premier guards mentioned are Trott, of Ohio and Bunge, of Wisconsin while Depler, of Illinois is selected as the best center.

The mythical all-conference aggregation was picked from over 300 players representing the 19 universities. The selections were made for their general all-around football abilities shown in the games played during the past season and with one or two exceptions all of the chosen eleven took part in every game.

CAPT. ARTHUR MILLS



Capt. Arthur R. Mills, who has made 1,068 crossings of the Atlantic for the American line in 41 years of service, stemming more than 3,000,000 miles, or a distance equal to 128 times around the world. His vessels have carried more than 500,000 passengers without the loss of a life. He has just retired, and sailed for England for a holiday visit. He is English by birth, but is an American citizen. He was decorated by France with the cross of the Legion of Honor for valiant service in towing the disabled cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, 400 miles to the Azores in 1917.

Conquering Heroes.

Among the members of the international commission which supervised the plebiscite in Marienverder were several young and charming Italian officers—all tremendously popular with the local population. And they knew it. One, a young bersagliere, came, in all seriousness to the contessa, who served as interpreter one day, after the plebiscite had dragged for months. "Listen," he said, "if we stay a little more, in 20 years if they make another plebiscite, they will vote for Italy!"

Carelessness.

"What made you have that hecker put out of the meeting?" "He was no good," answered Senator Sorghum. "He failed to attend a rehearsal and got his questions all mixed up."

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will have a social meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday.

Mrs. H. C. Hall will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Lucille Murphy will entertain the Thursday Bridge Club at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a reception at the Methodist Church in the evening at 8 o'clock to introduce Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

The four circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the regular hour in the afternoon.

Unto Thee, Oh Proof Reader! Proof Reader wondrous! Whose erudition Beats College! Who gives down without intermission All knowledge!

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How to spell Beloochistan, When Venus makes her transit, The name of the unknown man Who brews hootch in Amagansett,

The law of rhythmic vibration, The length of any river, The statistics of immigration, And the function of the liver,

Who discovered uranium, How deep is the sea— All, all is in thy cranium! Blessings on thee!

General Mention.

Mrs. C. J. Stout and baby of Ashland, Kentucky, are here on a visit to Mrs. Stout's mother, Mrs. R. Salazar.

Mr. E. A. Bengschohn of Mexico City has returned from a trip to Paris, France, en route home, and while in the city he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dryden and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emery.

Mr. T. A. Leyendecker left yesterday for an eight days' hunting trip near Brunville. He was accompanied by a party of friends from Austin.

Mrs. M. T. Cogley and daughter, Mrs. M. C. Barlow, accompanied by Miss Ruth Murphy and Messrs. Randolph Robinson and Wilbur Allen, left this morning in private car for Corpus Christi to meet Mr. Ernest Nalle and bride of Austin, who are en route to Mexico City on their wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Nalle are accompanied by a party of friends.

Mrs. G. A. Whittington arrived this morning from Houston on a visit to her son, Mr. M. K. Whittington.

Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary met yesterday afternoon at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook. The time was devoted to making chains of gold, red and holly paper for Christmas tree trimming and will be placed in the Christmas box to be sent to the Deaconess who has charge of the Childrens Hospital in West Virginia. The service in the church was given later in the afternoon, after which Mrs. Cook read the children a delightful story entitled "This Way to Christmas." The children put their offering on the plate and it amounted to ten dollars. Those present at the meeting were: Kathleen Aldridge, Charline, Miles and Elizabeth Nye, Nellie and Jamie Ward, Anne McKinney, Teresa and Joe Fasnacht, Jack Denike, Edward Shabady, Horace, Bobby, Jack and Elmer Kehl, Marjorie Fish, Ralph and Mary Cook, Jack, Ethel and Alta Gracia Puster, Mary Ernestine Sielski and Helen MacDonald.

Program for Reception.

Following is the program for the reception to be given the new pastor, Rev. M. K. Fred, and wife in the Methodist church parlors Thursday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock:

Overture Miss Genevieve Camp Vocal selection..... Mrs. Allan Stowers

..... Rev. L. H. Wharton Vocal selection..... Miss Berta Gogora

Reading Miss Consuelo Saez Vocal selection Mrs. Sue J. Smith

Reading Mrs. Wm. Jackson Violin solo Miss Verna Kelly

Reading Miss Celeste Hamilton Vocal selection

..... Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn.

All friends of the church are invited to this reception, which is intended to make welcome to the city the new pastor.

Leyendecker-de la Garza.

A number of Laredo people left this

afternoon for the Rando ranch to attend the wedding there tomorrow morning of Miss Maria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo de la Garza, to Mr. B. J. Leyendecker, Jr.

Honoring Friends.

Mrs. J. S. Jones entertained with a box party at the Royal Theater yesterday afternoon complimenting a number of friends. After the photograph a delicious refreshment course was enjoyed at the Olympia. The guests included Mesdames Dalches, Huberich, O'Meara, Watson, McKinney, Shropshire, Miller, A. C. Richter, J. S. Penn, Wilson, Joe Moser, Blakamp, Wormser, Dopp, Moore, Turner, Younkin, Cantrell, Misses Amar Penn and Maria Mowry.

Tuesday Bridge Club.

Mrs. Albert Martin entertained with a beautifully appointed bridge party yesterday afternoon complimenting the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club and a number of guests. The handsome home was most attractively decorated in the Christmas motif and in the floral note, red chrysanthemums, geraniums and poinsettias in silver baskets further expressed the favored color note. In the series of games of bridge played the high score went to Mrs. Barlow, who received a cut-glass water pitcher. The guest prize was awarded Mrs. Zupann, who was given a china chocolate set. The consolation was cut by Mrs. T. A. Leyendecker, who was given a dainty vanity bag. The hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the pretty hospitality were: Club members—Mesdames R. L. Muller, Joe Martin, T. A. Leyendecker, Johnston, A. C. Hamilton, Chuck, Bobbitt, James, John Martin; guests—Mesdames Schwartz, Cogley, Greer, Turner, Denike, Paulus, Witting and Zupann and Miss Esther Hirsch.

SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY MAPS MISLEADING.

It has long been the dream of geographers to make a series of maps of the world on a uniform scale. Indeed, it is considered unfortunate for school children that the geographies do not show all countries by maps on a single, uniform scale, for unless a student observes very carefully the figures showing the scale of each map or the figures showing the area of the country mapped he is likely to get the impression that certain distant lands, which are generally mapped on a small scale, are smaller than those with which he is most familiar. Take Australia, for example: The maps in the geographies now used in most of our schools show it on a small scale—about one-third as large as that used for the map of the United States; yet Australia is in fact nearly as large as the United States—only about one-fortieth (2½ per cent) smaller. China is generally shown smaller in area than the United States, yet it is about one-third larger.

The work of preparing maps of the entire world on a uniform scale of one to one million—that is, maps on which one unit (any unit—inches, centimeter, millimeter, etc.) represent one million like units on the ground—has been under way for several years, and the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, has made considerable progress in its work on the parts of this map that were assigned to the United States. The principle used in preparing these maps, if adopted by the publishers of school books, will give the children accurate impressions of the relative sizes of the countries of the world.

VERY MYSTERIOUS PLAYS.

Washington Star: "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "do you remember how you laughed at me because there were some things I didn't understand about the ball game?" "Yes."

"Well, after reading some of the recent news, I want to ask you as man to woman, weren't there some things about that game that you didn't understand, either?"

GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT.

By Associated Press. Colchester, Eng., Dec. 8.—Premier Lloyd George said in a letter he sent the other day to the Mayor of Colchester that he was afraid Great Britain was faced with a difficult economic period and that "we shall have to meet growing foreign competition and growing unemployment. That we shall succeed in surmounting the difficulties I am sure, but only if the nation grapples with them in the same spirit in which it grappled with the problems of the war."

J. H. Thomas, Secretary of the National Union of Railway men, and a Labor Member of Parliament, wrote: "Nothing is so fatal as the doctrine of doing as little as possible in order to find work for others. I think we shall recover from our present difficulties in six months we have the spirit of 1914 again. Let us frankly recognize that both the employers and men are something to each other and both have to be together I don't despair of the future. We are going to pull through."

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING IS NOW READY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTIVE WORK ON POLICY

Returned to Marion After Vacation Trip and Two Days in Washington and Said He was Well Pleased with the Result of Feeling Out the Opinions of Others on Many Subjects.

ASKED CONSTANTINE TO ABDICATE TODAY

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE POLICY OF "WAIT AND SEE."

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 8.—The Greek government has addressed a note to former King Constantine, asking that he abdicate immediately in favor of the crown prince, says a despatch from Athens today.

Wait and See.

Athens, Dec. 8.—The plans to have Constantine return to Greece this week apparently have been abandoned. The government's decision apparently is to continue the "wait and see" policy with a tendency to leave the decision relative to the return to the throne with Constantine himself.

CLARA SMITH FOUND IN JUAREZ IS RUMOR

EL PASO OFFICERS SAY CASE IS ENDED AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED IN MATTER.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 8.—The sixteen-day search for Clara Barton Smith, wanted in connection with the death of Jake Hamon at Ardmore, Okla., ended last night, so far as the local officers are concerned, they said, with Miss Smith almost within their grasp in Juarez. Sheriff Arndorff learned of the location of Miss Smith through a confidential telegram and declares the informants wanted a reward for disclosing her hiding place. The sheriff construed the answer to his telegram to Sheriff Garrett at Ardmore to mean that Miss Smith was not wanted and that there was no reward for her capture. He declared last night that he would not continue in the case. The Juarez police last night searched every hotel and rooming house in the city without results. They declared that Miss Smith had vanished, probably going to some interior point.

CHANGE OF CORPS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 8.—Arkansas has been transferred from the Fourth army corps district to the Seventh corps district. It was said today at the war department that the change was made for tactical reasons having to do with the allotment of the National Guard troops.

CHEAPER RUBBER.

By Associated Press. Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 8.—Financial and economic troubles in the Amazon region, due to the fall in the price of rubber, were explained to President Pessoa this week by a deputation representative of Amazonian commercial interests which journeyed from the north to reiterate views already placed before the government in written memorials.

The commission suggested the taking of measures to stop the fall in the price of rubber and prevent the product being handed over to foreign trusts. It also suggested the opening of credits to European rubber consuming countries similar to the convention recently concluded with Italy for the purchase of Brazilian foodstuffs.

President Pessoa promised to give the matter earnest attention.

SKYSCRAPERS IN CHILE.

By Associated Press. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 8.—The first "skyscrapers" on the west coast of South America are being erected here. A 12-story reinforced concrete office building is about completed and another of 15 stories is in its first stages of construction. It is said both structures will be "earthquake proof." Earth shocks are common to this country.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 8.—With his return to Marion today from his vacation trip to the tropics, President-elect Harding was ready to begin actual constructive work on the policies of the coming administration. He felt out opinions on many subjects in Washington during the last two days and let it be known that he was well pleased with the result. He told his friends that he believed his ideal of party government and common understanding had been furthered by talks with Republican leaders in congress and his canvass of sentiment regarding the association of nations had been particularly encouraging. The work done in Washington was purely preliminary however, and at least some of the senators with whom he discussed foreign affairs will come to Marion later to take part in the league conferences to begin early next week. Meantime, consultations about the selection of his cabinet continue. It is not probable that the final list of appointments will be completed much before the inauguration day.

MEXICAN BAND COMING.

A telegram received this afternoon by Mexican Vice Consul Peña announced that the Banda Estado Mayor left Galveston for Laredo today at noon and would arrive here tomorrow afternoon. Vice Consul Peña stated that the band would give a concert tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock on Jarvis Plaza.

ARGENTINE TRADE.

By Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 8.—Argentina's foreign trade during the past six years has given the country a favorable balance of approximately \$1,400,000,000, according to figures just compiled. This exceeds the entire favorable trade balance built up in the history of the country as an independent nation before 1915. The favorable balance reached its height in 1919 when it amounted to \$375,000,000 while estimates place the balance for the present year at about \$100,000,000.

Foreign trade for the present year, it is estimated, will reach \$2,000,000,000. Until the present year the highest figure reached was in 1919 when the country's foreign trade amounted to \$1,700,000,000.

Argentina's foreign business per capita last year was more than \$250 and this year is expected to be about \$240. It is stated here that the per capita foreign business in the United States is, approximately, only \$86.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of James M. Brown, twenty-fifth president of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

In Roman Catholic churches throughout the world today will be celebrated as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet in the World War, reaches the age for retirement today.

"Dry" leaders of the United States, pledging themselves to work for the selection of an arid cabinet by President Harding and for the passage of stronger prohibition law enforcement legislation, are to meet in convocation today in Washington, D. C.

A determined drive for an authorized expenditure of \$100,000,000 a year for ten years to develop the waterway resources of the United States will be launched at the annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which is to begin its sessions in Washington today.

KNEW THE ANIMAL.

Boys' Life. A teacher was instructing a class in English, and called on a small boy named Jimmy Brown.

"James," she said, "write on the board, 'Richard can ride the mule if he wants to.'"

"Now," continued the teacher when Jimmy had finished writing, "can you find a better form for that sentence?"

"Yes, ma'am, I think I can," was the prompt answer. "Richard can ride the mule if the mule wants him to."

SUNDAY MOVIES ARE ILLEGAL, SAY COURT

AFFIRMED JUDGMENT OF LOWER COURT FINING MOVIE SHOW-MAN FOR SUNDAY PICTURE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Sunday motion picture shows and Sunday baseball where admission fees are charged are illegal in Texas, it was held in effect today by the Texas court of criminal appeals. A majority of the court affirmed the judgment of the lower court under which J. J. Hegman was fined \$20 in Austin for operating a motion picture show Sunday. Presiding Judge Davidson in a dissenting opinion declared that the nature of the picture shown by Hegman did not permit of its being classed as an amusement.

1920 GINNINGS ARE DAILY INCREASING

TWO MILLION BALES MORE THAN WERE GINNED UP TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 19,144,921 running bales, including 191,687 bales of American Egyptian and 1,111 bales of Sea Island, the census bureau announced today. Last year up to December 1 the ginnings amounted to 8,844,368 bales of lint, including 99,658 round bales, 23,725 bales of American Egyptian and 5,362 bales of Sea Island. Arkansas ginned up to December 1 812,912 bales and Texas 3,423,111 bales.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

London policewomen are taught jujitsu as a means of self-defense.

Virginia has more than a quarter of a million wage-earning women.

Five States in the November election close women for State superintendents of public instruction.

The first woman inspector of schools in Brazil has recently been appointed in Rio de Janeiro.

The number of women employed in shops and factories in the Argentine Republic has doubled within the past five years.

The Tartars in Turkestan are said to be able to buy as many wives as they want at the rate of a box of matches each.

As a result of the November election all of Wyoming's twenty-one counties are to have women as superintendents of education.

Mrs. J. W. Keys has been appointed to serve out the unexpired term of her late husband as sheriff of Saline county, Missouri.

The Spanish Women's Crusade is the name of an organization formed to conduct an active campaign in Alfonso's kingdom to secure legal equality for women.

Mrs. Bertha F. Drabell has been appointed a building inspector in St. Louis, with special supervision over department stores and other establishments where many women are employed.

Mrs. Laura G. Fraser of New York is the designer of the medal which is to be presented to more than 1,600 commissioned chaplains in the American army and navy who saw active service in the World War.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 8.

Yielding to German arguments, Supreme Council decided to modify protocol terms.

Senate dropped the Fall resolution calling for breaking of relations with Mexico.

From Thursday's Daily.

WITHOUT WORK.

It is reported that many young Mexicans who have gone to Detroit to "study mechanics" in the automobile factories of that great center are without work, due to the temporary shut-down of many plants, and that it is inadvisable for any more "students" to go there.

Many of these young men were led to this pilgrimage by the tales of high wages paid even unskilled labor, especially by Henry Ford, and consequently it was not so much the idea of studying mechanics, although that may have caused many to go, as it was the idea of getting a great deal of money for a few hours' work.

When an unskilled laborer can get \$6 for eight hours' work, it is not surprising that many are led to making the long and costly trip in the hope of securing such employment. And it must be remembered that not only the young Mexicans from this section but many thousands of young men of other nationalities from many other sections have gone there in the hope of getting on the payroll of the Ford factory.

In the first place, it is injudicious, to say the least, for a young man who has but an imperfect knowledge of the English language and no knowledge whatever of a skilled occupation, to go so far away from his home or his relatives in the hope of finding employment.

How ridiculous it would seem to the Mexicans for a young American without any knowledge of Spanish to leave the Northern part of our country and go to Tehuantepec, for instance, in search of the fabulous pot of gold at the rainbow's end!

That many young Mexicans have secured employment in some of the factories up there is due as much to the desire of the factory managers to give the strangers a chance as it is to the desire for more unskilled labor.

Any industrial center in the North, and particularly where there is a high wage scale, is crowded with unemployed who understand the language and who have had more or less experience at unskilled labor in a factory. In addition, there are thousands of skilled mechanics looking for work, as conditions since the war have been such as to create more applicants than there are jobs.

A number of factories have shut down temporarily, it is true, and others have reduced their force of workmen. This was caused partly by the uncertain markets for their products, and partly by the high wages demanded.

There is more demand nowadays for men in this section than in any part of the North. It is true that there is not so much demand for mechanics, as our industries are comparatively few, but there is a good demand for farm labor at better wages than ever before offered.

Those who chase illusions are the ones who find themselves short of both employment and money. It is not so easy for even an American with some skill at mechanics and a perfect knowledge of the technical language used in the factories to get a job at a dollar an hour.

What then must it be for those who have no mechanical skill and but a few words of the language of the country? How can they expect to secure employment when the bread line in many of our cities is daily lengthening and is made up of Americans who are familiar with the language as well as with conditions?

There is a Mexican consul in Detroit, who naturally has the best interests of his fellow citizens at heart. He declares that there is little opportunity for a Mexican to secure employment there at present, and none at all if he has not made arrangements before going there.

Those who have employment, or a home where they can remain until they secure employment, would best remain there until they find out concerning their desired job in Detroit. Up there they are a long way from home, and the climate is not favorable to one who has known no worse cold than that of the border country.

REDUCTION PLANS.

The plan to reduce cotton acreage all over the South at least fifty per cent the coming year in order to force the price up and make it a paying crop is a good one, provided the plan includes the use of the remaining acreage, as has been suggested, for raising foodstuffs, forage and other crops which are needed.

The world can use every pound of cotton grown in the South, and textile experts agree that this country must be the main source of supply for years to come, as the extension of cotton-growing sections in other parts of the world is not proceeding as rapidly as some who are opposed to the American grower would wish.

But the American cotton-grower is entitled to a living from his crop, and it seems that under present conditions he cannot grow cotton at a profit with the present prices.

The system under which cotton is grown is in part to blame for the loss. The help is carried through the entire season, their food and clothing furnished, sometimes on borrowed money, and not until the cotton is ginned and sold can the planter pay his bills and count his profit—or his loss.

Meanwhile, in most of the cotton-growing sections, where cotton is not only the "money" crop but in reality

the only crop, all that is used by the planter and his family, as well as by the help employed, is imported from elsewhere.

Many planters import their corn and hay, as well as all their meal and flour, their meat and their groceries. This naturally cuts down the profit on the cotton, for a part of the land that is used to grow cheap cotton could be used to produce the food and feed for the labor and the work animals.

It is a difficult problem, and no two sections have exactly the same features to present. In some places even the molasses can be produced on the farm, while in other places everything but corn and fodder would have to be bought from the outside.

The ideal farm is one where everything that is eaten is raised, only the coffee, sugar and a few other grocery items being purchased. The plantations of the Old South produced everything they needed, even to the wool that was spun into winter clothing, and it was the boast of some of the old planters that little was brought in from the outside except the silks and the rare china and other luxuries, including the coffee and tea.

But this is a day of factories and of machinery. Still it does seem that a farmer could easily raise enough animals to supply him with meat for his family and even for his help, without cutting too deeply into his acreage devoted to cotton.

It is useless to declare that the man who grows the cotton should set the price at which it is sold. The mills will always be able to control in a certain measure the price they will pay for the cotton. But if there is only a certain amount of cotton for sale, the mills cannot pick and choose and say where they will buy or name the highest figure beyond which they will not go.

If every cotton grower raised enough of other produce to support himself, his family and his help, he would be to a certain extent independent of the cotton factor, the broker and the spinner.

As it is, he must sell at least a part of his crop to get money to pay off his hands, to settle his grocery bills and to buy other necessary articles. In some cases, the remainder of the crop goes to pay off other debts contracted.

A crop of food and feed will go a long way toward solving the financial problem of raising cotton. And with enough corn, sweet potatoes and hogs, a great part of the support of the hands during the growing season will be an easy matter.

NEW GOVERNMENT.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 8.—A new plan of government for Mesopotamia announced by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons provides that the Arabs shall be governed by Arabs. While an electoral law for the creation of a representative Mesopotamian congress is being drafted, the country is to be administered by a Council of State composed of native dignitaries and subject to the guidance of the British High Commissioner, Sir Percy Cox.

The Naqib of Bagdad has been invited to form a Council of State of about 18 members, with himself as president, until the National Assembly can meet and decide on the future form of government.

The Council will be representative of all parts of the country. One member is a leading Christian of Bagdad, and one of Mosul. A third is a prominent Kurd; a fourth is the head of a leading Shia family of Bagdad and two others are influential Shia sheikhs.

Eight portfolios will be assigned by the Naqib: Interior, finances, justice, pious foundations, education, defense, public works and commerce. Among those who have been invited to form part of the provisional government are a former general of the Emir Feisal's army, an ex-dignitary of Mecca and some leading merchants and lawyers of Bagdad, Basra and Mosul.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 9.

1674—Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chancellor of Charles II, and grandfather of two queens of England, died in France. Born in England, Feb. 18, 1608.

1816—Thomas Worthington was inaugurated governor of Ohio in the new capital at Columbus.

1820—Resolutions of the Vermont legislature on the subject of slavery presented in the United States senate.

1830—First locomotive built in the United States finished at the West Point foundry, New York city.

1839—Illinois legislature met for the first time at Springfield, the new capital.

1868—William E. Gladstone became British premier for the first time.

1891—The Women's Labor Home was opened in London by the Duchess of Albany.

1918—Peru accepted the offer of the United States for mediation in the boundary dispute with Chile.

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MUSCLES FELT AS IF TIED IN KNOTS

HUDSON SAYS "IT IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL WHAT TANLAC DID FOR ME."

"If anybody had told me that Tanlac could do for me what it has done I would not have believed them," said C. R. Hudson, of Knoxville, Ill. "It freed me from rheumatism after twelve years of awful suffering," he continued, "and my stomach trouble is also gone."

"I was in such bad shape that I could scarcely digest a thing, and any solids would give me such cramps in my stomach that I could hardly stand them. Gas would form and affect my heart so bad I would get faint and have to lie down. The rheumatism made my legs swell all out of shape and the muscles felt like they were tied in knots. I couldn't straighten my right leg at all and it pained me so I could find no rest. At night it was especially bad and I simply rolled from one side of the bed to the other unable to get any sleep. Not being able to work any more I rented my farm and moved to town. I tried about every sort of medicine I ever heard of but got worse all the time."

"One day I heard some people talking about how much good Tanlac had done them and I decided to try it, and the way it took hold was simply wonderful. I can now eat anything I want, my rheumatism is all gone and I sleep like a log every night. I feel as strong and well as I ever did and I am going back to the farm able to do as much work as I did years ago. If anyone wants to know about Tanlac send them to me."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by City Drug Store.

BAD BREATH

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at the Cause and Remove It

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work. People afflicted with bad breath find quick relief through taking them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. They act gently but firmly on the bowels and liver, stimulating the blood, and purifying the entire system. They do that which calomel does, without any of the bad after effects. Take one or two every night for a week and note the pleasing effect.

15c and 30c. a box.

NAVY HEALTH GOOD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Despite the influx of recruits health conditions in the Navy during the last year were good, Surgeon General Braisted said in his annual report made public today. Influenza was the only communicable disease which was unduly great, Admiral Braisted said, adding that the number of sick leaves on this account were not overlarge when taken in consideration with the replacement of the duration of the war enlistments.

The death rate of the Navy, the report showed, was 5.99 per 1,000 in the last year while for the year 1918, with the thousands of wartime enlistments, the death rate reached 18.47 per thousand. If pneumonia could have been eliminated, the report said, the death rate last year would have been only 1.84 per thousand.

The naval medical corps like other branches of the service has suffered from the competition with private business and, the surgeon general said, has not been able to counteract "the reaction against military pursuits" in keeping its rolls filled. The year ended with 762 regular medical and reserve officers, 193 officers holding temporary appointments and 79 former pharmacists commissioned as temporary assistant surgeons. As the authorized strength is 1,215, the existing vacancies number 570.

The dental corps likewise suffered losses from its ranks, members of the corps being unwilling to refuse alluring prospects of greater remuneration in private life. As a result, the corps finished the year with only two thirds of its authorized strength.

A shortage of specialists in the Navy has caused the establishment of a special series of studies which the officers are enabled to attend. The surgeon general, however, saw no immediate hope or bringing the staff of specialists to the point he believed the Navy required because of the constant resignations. He urged, therefore, that action be taken to make the professional work of the service more attractive.

Taking Desperate Chances.

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

ESTADO MAYOR BAND GIVES CONCERT 7:30 THIS EVENING

THOUSANDS OF LAREDOANS WILL TURN OUT TO HEAR MUSIC.

Automobiles and Vehicles Not to Be Allowed Near Plaza and Special Guards Will Be on Hand.

The Banda Estado Mayor arrives in Laredo this afternoon at 3:33 o'clock over the Texas-Mexican railway from Galveston, having been transferred from the Gulf Coast Lines to the Texas-Mexican at Robstown. They will proceed immediately to Fort McIntosh, where Major Cheston, commander of the Laredo District, has prepared barracks to take care of the 120 men, including members and attaches, during their stay in Laredo, while meals for them are to be provided at a local cafe, arrangements to this end having been made by Mexican Vice Consul Lisandro Peña, to whom the director will report, and E. Matthes, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

How long the band will remain in Laredo will not be known until after their arrival, but a grand concert will be given by them this evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock on Jarvis Plaza, and it is estimated that about 10,000 people will turn out to hear this great musical organization. As a precautionary measure against unnecessary congestion of a crowd about the band, the Boy Scouts and special policeman will form a cordon about the band to protect them from being crowded on by anxious observers, while people who have cars would do well to leave them at home, as the streets and avenues about the plaza will be roped off and no cars will be permitted within a block of Jarvis Plaza, thereby allowing more room for the many who will stand in the streets to hear the music. In other words, traffic by auto or vehicles of any kind will be prevented on the four sides of the plaza this evening beginning at 7 o'clock and people owning cars should be consistent enough to realize that as space will be at a premium for blocks around every inch of room will be needed to accommodate the vast crowd, therefore those who have cars are urged to leave them at home and go to the concert on foot. Policemen and Boy Scouts will be on hand to maintain order during the musical selections and everybody who attends is requested to do his or her part to see that order prevails and all get the benefit of this exceptional fine music.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of taxes for the City of Laredo for the year 1920. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA.
City Tax Collector.
116-301.

TWO MORE INDICTMENTS IN AND GRAND JURY CONTINUES

Total of Six Bills of Indictment Have So Far Been Returned and Grand Jury is Still at Work.

Yesterday afternoon the grand jury in district court turned in two more bills of indictment, making a total of six bills returned since they were empaneled on Monday morning by District Judge Mulhally.

One of the bills returned this morning was against Ernesto Santos and the other was against a party not yet taken into custody.

Seven Germans Are Apprehended.

Seven well-dressed, neat appearing persons, six men and one woman, all of them Germans, were apprehended by Mounted Inspectors Mal Petty and Charles Runsey while trying to enter this country illegally. The party of Germans are held prisoners pending an investigation.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

Public Stenographer.

I am now located at the Hotel Hamilton as public stenographer, where I will do all classes of English copying and write letters from dictation. Hours from 9 to 12, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 daily except Sunday. Appointments made for Sundays.

MRS. S. L. BRAGG.
12-8-61.

Data Regarding Spinach Special.

In order that spinach special may leave Laredo at 7 p. m., the signing of bills of lading covering spinach and other perishables must be closed at 4:30 p. m. and cars ready to pull from all loading tracks at 4:30 p. m.

R. G. & E. P. and Texas-Mexican transfers must be on transfer track not later than 5 p. m. Cars loaded on R. G. & E. P. and Texas-Mexican on transfer and ready to pull at 5 p. m., will not be received from those lines until the following day and will not move until train leaving at 7 p. m., the following day.

Cars loaded on I. & G. N. tracks and not ready to pull at 4:30 p. m. will not be signed for until the following day and will move on train leaving at 7 p. m., the following day.

THE REAL DOPE.

Laredo Post No. 59, American Legion.

(By Mack)

There will be a meeting of Laredo Post American Legion to-night at 8 o'clock.

Commence Work Soon.

Austin.—Thirty members of the Board of directors of the Benevolent War Risk Society of Texas from almost all cities in all parts of Texas, as well as eighteen members of the state executive committee and a half a dozen Legionnaires who compose the American Legion Tubercular Hospital Committee met at American Legion Headquarters at Dallas last Tuesday, when it was definitely decided that work on the American Legion Memorial Hospital will be commenced within the next few days. The first unit to be completed, it is said, should be ready for 100 soldiers by January 1st.

Funds are already in hand for completing the main building to the extent it may be put to use by the first of the year, but the building of cottages may not start at this early date. The plan, it is said, is to begin where some accommodations may be made ready to care for the soldiers in some way, as soon as possible, even though the accommodations be scant at first. Later on in the spring scores of cottages will be erected and these are to be made of concrete. On each will be a tablet showing the post of the American Legion, D. A. R., or other organization, donating funds for its erection. The tablets are to be bronze, and as the cottages are to be concrete, a memorial of a most permanent nature will be afforded, lettering showing donor, for whom the memorial cottage is dedicated, and time of dedication being carved with the idea of showing up for centuries.

In addition to the fact that a large majority of posts contributed enough to either place their names on the bronze tablet at the main building, which was an agreeable surprise, the fact that nearly a score of societies and women's organizations are pledging funds for memorial cottages was said by the committeemen to be most gratifying.

Need Hospital

Private Harlan's defiance of shrapnel that went "clean through him," and because of which his lungs are now infected, occupied the attention of students at the various High Schools in the school district adjacent to Austin, as Lieutenant Charles Barrow, one of the Capitol City's most distinguished student-soldiers, and holder of the D. S. C., and other tokens of honor, told the boys and girls some of his experiences as a Lieutenant with one of the first American Machine Gun Batteries to land overseas when the Germans were on the outskirts of Paris.

"We watched from our station in the front line trenches to see if Private Harlan would go over the ridge. The Boches had the range and the ridge was being shelled terrifically. But Private Harlan wanted to get the flares over there, so our men could be signalled, and he went; a piece of shell gashed his leg, and we saw him drop down. But he picked himself up, only to be knocked down and have to do it all over again. Finally he got there, and the flares were sent up."

Lieutenant Barrow said the plucky private he was describing got over his wounds, and went right back to action in the front trenches, only to be gassed. "Private Harlan is in Texas now, and something is the matter with his lungs. Nearly all those gassed Private Harlan has developed tuberculosis," he declared. Lieutenant Barrow declared that fifteen-hundred of these ex-service men are now on the waiting list pending the completion of the Kerville Tubercular Hospital, for which the American Legion and the Benevolent War Risk Society are waging a state wide campaign. "If the war were going on now, everybody would want to aid Private Harlan; Certainly, Texas people are as patriotic now as in 1918," Barrow declared.

Strike of School Boys.

Austin.—Following an announcement through the press of the dismissal of two hundred and fifty high school pupils, including 40 girls, from the city schools of Topeka, Kansas, because of their remaining absent from school Armistice Day without permission, Travis Post of the American Legion, this city, went on record as censuring the action of the school authorities for their drastic action against the students.

"We do not give our approval to the children for insubordination, if their absence from school was such that it might be so classed, but we do condemn any attempt to make light of the spirit and memories in which Armistice Day is celebrated," Eugene Barrow, Adjutant of Travis Post stated in an interview today. "Action such as that of the Topeka authorities is likely to give the children whose early impressions of patriotism are now being formed, wrong ideas. We are against anything that will check their love of country."

The action the post went on record as being against, the action of the teachers in the Topeka schools, re-

sulted in the indefinite suspension of the 250 students above.

American Names for Artists

Austin.—The action of the state executive committee of the Texas department, American Legion, at their recent meeting in this city in originating a plan to create public opinion in favor of American singers and artists as opposed to foreigners, whom it was said, receive preference because of long-sounding names, has received wide comment and endorsement in other states. The plan for showing the true merits of American artists and singers who go under American names only is now part of the Americanization program of the Texas Department.

Members of the committee assert that hundreds of American artists, equal and in some cases much superior to foreigners, are without engagements because they have plain American names, which apparently are not attractive to the musical loving public. It is further stated that American artists are forced to adopt foreign names in order to appear upon the American stage. Foreigners, whose ability is often inferior to the Americans, sometimes draw much larger salaries.

The action of the executive committee of the Texas Department was taken following an address by Miss Florence Voorhees of New York, a representative of the Music League of America, and has received the endorsement of posts in a large number of states, particularly in the east.

Service Men Re-elected.

Washington, D. C.—There will be between thirteen and twenty-five members of the American Legion in the new Congress that comes in March 4, 1921, according to a statement from headquarters of the National Legislative committee of the Legion here. Only three former soldiers and members of the Legion in the present Congress failed to be re-elected.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 9.

President Wilson called on striking coal miners to return to work. Gen. Denikine claimed important gains in his campaign against the Bolsheviks.

Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back — especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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ALL DRUGGISTS

1.50

TIMES WANT ADS. \$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$

MACHINES DOES GREAT WORK IN CUTTING THE TRENCHES

WORK IS BEING RUSHED ON LAREDO'S SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Contractor Youmans Has His Big Trench-Digging Machine at Work Cutting Trenches for the Mains.

This morning, in company with Mayor Leopoldo Villegas, The Times reporter visited the scene of operations where the big trench-digging caterpillar machine is at work on the trenches for the mains of Laredo's sewerage system, the excavations made by the machine being anywhere from ten to twenty feet and with a width of twenty-eight inches. The working of the big trench-digger is a marvel and great progress is being made through this modern mode of excavations.

Contractor Youmans began the work of excavation on the Rio Grande front at the mouth of the Arroyo Zocate, where excavations were made by a force of men up to the embankment about two blocks distant on Water street, and then the trench digger was put on the job and thence progressed two blocks on Water street to San Enrique Avenue and it is now going along San Enrique toward Zaragoza street. The eighteen-inch mains that will be laid in these trenches are on the ground ready to be placed in position. Where the machine is now at work the thoroughfares are very rough, but the way the machine goes after the earth is a sight worth watching. The cuts are straight and smooth and the working of the machine is accurate in every detail.

No trouble is expected to be experienced by the contractor when the big machine gets closer in toward the business district of Laredo, as the machine is always under perfect control and it is not expected that any water or other mains will be torn up while it is at work, as these will be guarded against at all times by those operating the motor-driven apparatus.

OKLAHOMA OIL MAN PASSED THROUGH HERE YESTERDAY

While Here He Closed the Deal Whereby He Acquired 20,000 Acres of Land Near Rodriguez, Mexico.

John D. McMahon, president of the McMahon Refining Co. of Jennings, Oklahoma, was among the visitors in Laredo yesterday and during his stay he closed a deal whereby he acquired 20,000 acres of land near Rodriguez, Mexico, for himself and associates.

Mr. McMahon, who is one of the largest and most prominent oil operators in the Oklahoma field, left last night for the Tampico oil fields, where he goes on a business trip.

ENGAGEMENT IS POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT MEXICAN BAND

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SUMMONED TO THE BEDSIDE HER FATHER, DR. HAMILTON

Daughter Arrives From Washington This Afternoon; Condition of Dr. Hamilton Very Critical.

Mrs. Kirby Walker and little son will arrive here this afternoon from Washington, D. C., Mrs. Walker being summoned here to attend the bedside of her father, Dr. H. J. Hamilton, who is critically ill at his home in this city.

For the past twenty-two days Dr. Hamilton has been in an unconscious state and the attending physicians pronounce his condition very serious, there being little change noted in the past few days.

LOCAL NEWS

The Moser Auto Co. has received a shipment of Packard Single Sixes which they are now ready to demonstrate.

When you are out looking for Santa Claus be sure and stop at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar, Saturday at Stowers Furniture Co.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Jacobo Elias and Miss Mary Hillel, Ramon Martinez and Miss Maria Flores, Juan Moncada and Mrs. Beatriz Ortiz.

Talking dolls just received at The Bon Ton. Good assortment of sizes and prices.

Special price on French Christmas mix 30 cents a pound beginning December 13th until Christmas. Made by Santiago Pappas. Pay us a visit and save money. Also all kinds of walking canes and fancy boxes. LAREDO CANDY CO.

The importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon consisted of one carload of textile and numerous truckloads of goods brought across the international footbridge.

Little girls listen! If you need a new hat for dolly go to the Methodist Ladies' bazaar Saturday. All styles and sizes. Stowers Furniture Co.

Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189.

Purses and handbags of velvets and broadens. Smart ideas in new veils and Gordon hose, both silk and wool, make attractive Christmas gifts. The Bon Ton.

With the greatest mass of humanity ever assembled in Laredo about one place last night during the band concert there was not a single disturbance of any kind to mar the pleasure of the evening. Who says we do not progress along the paths of peace and order?

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

Finish your Christmas shopping at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar. You will find the pretty dainty gifts you have been wanting. Stowers Furniture Co.

THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigreed seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas.

The Mexican-Italian Opera Co. will give the opera, "Rigoletto," at the Royal Opera House this evening. This is the largest grand opera organization that ever came to Laredo and no doubt a large and appreciative audience will greet the company this evening.

If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing.

Special reductions on every hat in stock Friday and Saturday at The Bon Ton.

Delicious home-made candy for sale at the Methodist Ladies' bazaar Saturday at Stowers Furniture Co.

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Written for The Service Bulletin My voice is hurled across the world In tongue for Age and Youth; Its throbbing beat, like a million feet, Thunders: "I am Truth!"

Through gates of strife I picture Life, And bring the work to you; Upon the rise of new world skies I paint the canvas true.

I herald wars and find the stars Of Peace that man attains; I dip below the nether flow, And count the hidden pains.

In East, In West I keep the Quest, And speed to waiting eyes; In North, In South I am the Mouth That speaks the Truth to hes.

Day and night I wing my flight From ports beyond the sea; Great men's dreams like golden streams Flow from the heart of me.

Love and Hate, the ends of Fate Weight the song I sing— In life's ferment my will is bent To seek the Truth I bring.

My voice is hurled across the world In tongue for Age and Youth; Its throbbing beat, like a million feet, Thunders: "I am Truth!"

—William J. Robertson.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 10.
Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer, who has been honored with the presidency of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, served as chairman of the war commission of that body, which is said to represent 25,000,000 adherents. Dr. Speer is a Pennsylvanian, educated for the ministry at Princeton and Princeton Theological Seminary, who, nevertheless, never has been pastor of a church, although he has had the degree of D. D. conferred upon him by University of Edinburgh. His fame rests on his ability as an administrator, first of the foreign missionary interests of the Presbyterian Church North and second on his aid, as an author and as a speaker of great eloquence, in the enlistment and education of young people of all denominations in the propaganda work of Protestant Christianity in non-Christian lands.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 10.
British made wholesale raids on Sinn Fein quarters in Dublin.
Great Britain rejected Russian Soviet offer regarding exchange of prisoners.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Texas Mexican Railway, to satisfy its lien for freight and other charges, will, at its Freight Station in Aguilar, Texas, on Monday, January 3, 1921, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described freight shipped from Antioch, California, February 2, 1920, originally consigned to C. L. Morrill, Aguilares, Texas, and subsequently reconsigned to Atlas Development Company:

One carload of Pipe, Old Drilling Cable, old water pipe, old rig iron, originally loaded in C. & N. W. car 134606.
One carload old drilling outfit, Rig lumber, Band Wheel, Cog Wheels and Bolter, originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 93220.
One carload second hand lumber and tanks, K. D., originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 97919.

A more accurate description of the freight to be sold is in part as follows: 1 band wheel, 1 calf wheel, Sills, Jack posts, walking beam, engine sills, 1 Ajax Engine 25 h. p. complete, 1 steam boiler, 1 belt pulley, one lot 3/4 inch water pipe, 2 sets jars, 1 twelve inch bit, 1 ring and slips, 1 eight inch bit, 1 eight inch underreamer, 2 fishing tools, 1 Latch Jack, 2 Subs, 2 Tool Wrenches, Sand Line Shive, 1 Temper screw, Bull Wheel Rope, 1 C Clamp, 1 twelve inch, 1 eight inch and 1 six inch Dart Baller, 1 Swivel Hook, 3 pieces smoke stack, 3 Shive Blocks, 5 crown block shives, 5 eight inch elevators, 2 twelve inch elevators, 1 calf wheel chain, Pillow blocks for calf wheel, 1 Roll Belting, 1 Fishing Spear, 1 bailer, 1 Bull wheel Brake band, 2 Wireline sockets, 1 Woodpecker socket, 1 eight inch bailer, 2 Tool wrenches, 1 twelve inch pump wrench, 1 Forgie Jack, 1 Light pump jack, Sucker Rods, Pump Cylinder, 3 reels steel cable, 1 6 h. p. engine, 1 Dressing block, 1 lot 1 1/2 inch, 1 wooden stove tank, 2 Galy. Iron tanks, 21 bolts, 4 Turnbuckles, 1 Spool guy wire, 1 circle, 1 screw Jack, 1 cook table, 4 wire cots, 1 cook stove, 3 wooden doors, miscellaneous rig iron, etc.

Proceeds of such sale will be disposed of as required by law.

C. M. FISH,
Traffic Manager,
The Texas Mexican Ry.
Laredo, Texas, November 29, 1920.

Public Stenographer.
I am now located at the Hotel Hamilton as public stenographer, where I will do all classes of English copying and write letters from dictation. Hours from 9 to 12, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 daily except Sunday. Appointments made for Sundays.

MRS. S. L. BRAGG.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.



HEALTHY NEW YEAR

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Dance at the Latin-American Club in the evening.
Dance at the Soldier's Club in the evening.
The Cotillion Class will meet at the Woman's Club at 7:30 o'clock in the evening under the direction of Mrs. J. A. MacDonald.

A Book.

There is no frigate like a book To take us lands away, Nor any courser like a page Of prancing poetry. This traverse may the poorest take Without oppress of toll; How frugal is the chariot That bears a human soul!

He ate and drank the precious words, His spirit grew robust; He knew no more that he was poor, Nor that his frame was dust; He danced along the dusty ways, And this bequest of wings Was but a book. What liberty A loosened spirit brings!

—Emily Dickson.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Leyendecker, Jr. left today for various points in the state.

Mr. Chas. Clifton is in from his ranch for a several days' stay in the city.

Mr. Magnus Smith has returned to his home in Pearsall, after legal business in the city.

Mr. Charles Smith has gone to San Antonio for a short stay.

Judge Rector has returned home after a short stay in the city.

Dr. Dunlap, Mr. Ed. M. Patterson and Mr. Kamp of Dallas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeWolf.

Entertainment.

Miss Lucille Murphy entertained the members of the Thursday Bridge Club and a number of guests most delightfully yesterday afternoon with a beautifully appointed bridge party.

The rooms were attractively decorated in cut flowers and ferns. In the series of games played, the club prize was awarded Mrs. Ira O'Meara, who received an embroidered bridge table cover with napkins to correspond. Mrs. Seymour Denike won the guest prize, a boudoir vanity set. After the games the hostess served delicious chicken tamales, coffee and confections. Those who enjoyed the pleasant hospitality were: Club members — Mesdames A. E. Derby, Lafon, John Martin, Joe Moser, Ira O'Meara, J. A. Wilson, Witting, Misses Maria Mowry, Ester Hirsch and Josephine Sauvignat; guests — A. Moser, A. R. Vidaurri, Schwartz, Denike, and Paulus. Miss Murphy was graciously assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. T. Murphy, in entertaining her guests.

Married Ladies Social Club.

The Married Ladies Social Club was most delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Horace C. Hall. The tables which were beautifully laid for the two-course luncheon when the guests arrived presented the Christmas note with their lovely decoration of poinsettias, fern and glowing red candles, while vases and crystal baskets of red roses and poinsettias were placed in both rooms. The tally cards bore poinsettia motifs and were tied with red and green ribbons. Mrs. L. J. Christen scored high and was given six etched paraff glasses, and Mrs. J. B. DaCamara won the nest prize, which was also half dozen paraff glasses. A dainty handkerchief was presented to the holder of the highest score at each table, and were won by Mesdames Fish, Younklin, Huberich, MacGregor, Jefferies and McKinney. The club members present were: Mesdames A. Martin, MacGregor, MacDonald, Derby, Christen, Brewster, Huberich, Younklin, Deutz, Johnston, Fish. The guests were Mesdames Richter, Watson, DaCamara, Greer, Miller, Hiatt, Little, Griffith, McKinney, Bobbitt, Giles, Jefferies and Lowry.

OLIVER TWIST'S HOME.

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 10.—St. George's Workhouse, just south of London Bridge, where Oliver Twist had the audacity to ask for a second helping of thin gruel, has been closed by the Poor Law authorities and the inmates have been transferred elsewhere.

The gruel of which Dickens' child hero and his fellow sufferers partook was made in a copper cauldron, which is to be presented to the Southwark Borough Council's Museum.

We Buy Rags.
Wash all the old rags that you have and bring them to The Times office. Best prices paid. Rags must be soft and clean.

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ODD AND INTERESTING.

New York City expects to have a million telephones in operation next year.

In Italy the tax for an average automobile runs to between \$2000 and \$3000 a year.

New arc-lamps being used in motion pictures studios are of 100,000 candle-power each.

The salary and allowances of the President of the French Republic amount to about \$240,000 a year.

A coat of dark sea otter fur, claimed to be only one in Europe, was recently offered for sale at \$25,000.

Seamen have observed the glow of Rio de Janeiro, a city famed for its brilliant illumination, a hundred miles out at sea.

An English church magazine asks the church wardens to take care of all buttons found in the collection, as there is a button shortage.

The "whistling" swan is found in Lapland, and Northern Russia. It produces whistling or trumpeting notes through its coiled windpipe.

Kerguelen Island, in the Southern Indian Ocean, is over three thousand miles from the nearest mainland, and may lay claim to being the most isolated island.

A French banknote of small denomination, after being in circulation for some months, was recently examined by French scientists, who discovered 80,000,000 bacilli thriving on it.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of Gen. David A. Russell, noted Union commander who fell at the battle of Winchester.

One hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Matthias W. Baldwin, pioneer American locomotive builder.

Sir James Atkins, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and an eminent leader of the Dominion bar, enters upon his 70th year today.

The 200th anniversary of Massachusetts Hall at Harvard, said to be the oldest college building in the United States, is to be celebrated with a dinner at the university tonight.

A program for the future activities of the Farmer-Labor Party is to be discussed at a meeting of the national committee called for Chicago today.

The housing shortage in the United States is to be chief topic at today's sessions of the eighth conference of the National Housing Association, at Bridgeport, Ct.

Premier Drury of Ontario and Hon. T. A. Crerar are scheduled to address a public meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg today.

Retrial of the case against Col. Augustus Drum, former Third Deputy Police Commissioner of New York City, who is charged with neglect of duty, is docketed to begin today.

The American Bankers' Association has called a conference of bankers, producers, importers and exporters from all sections of the United States to meet in Chicago today to perfect the organization of a \$100,000,000 foreign trade financing corporation.

SMALL PAY ENVELOPE.

By Associated Press.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 10.—There is no high labor market in Haiti. The men working by the day gets one gourde, which is 20 cents, and sometimes a gourde and a half. Cooks are to be had without advertising. Most of them earn \$1.50 a week, and in addition get six cents a day on which to feed themselves and their flock. Who do not have to include car fare in the weekly wage down here.

At some points in the interior, wages for cooks are even lower. Many of them live in mahogany houses, at that.

Haiti's population is estimated around 2,500,000. Ninety-seven percent of these people are classed as illiterate, which may account for the size of the pay envelope.

COLLEGE HEADS CONFER.

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 10.—The presidents and managing boards of the State colleges of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island met at Massachusetts Agricultural College today for an important conference on problems now confronting the State educational institution. The chief aim of the conference, which will continue in session over tomorrow, is to assist in the solution of problems of State college management rising in finance and instruction. The meetings, it is believed, will tend to standardize expenditure and bring about greater uniformity in management of the New England institution.

NEW ENGLAND PRINTING CONFERENCE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—As a result of the unusual conditions which the printing industry throughout New England is now facing, an educational conference of representative printers from all of the New England States is to be held tomorrow at the Boston City Club.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

MEN WHO KILLED SHERIFF AFTER ATTACKING YOUNG WOMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO LYNCHED

Members of Gang Who are Accused of Abusing Girls in California Metropolis Taken from Jail in Santa Rosa by Masked Mob and Then Hanged from Oak Tree in the City Cemetery.

MINNESOTA SOLON ATTACKS RADICALS

SAYS FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE DUMPING UNDESIRABLES ON AMERICAN SHORES.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Charges that foreign governments are "financing the movement of radicals from several countries in Europe to the United States" were made today by Representative Knutson (Republican) of Minnesota, who was opening debate in the house on the Johnson bill placing a two-year restriction on immigration.

"Spain is a seething mass of anarchy," Mr. Knutson declared, "and its government is dumping it in the United States. We have more now than we know what to do with, and we ought to deport them." He added that if tonnage were available, from ten to fifteen million Europeans would migrate to America within a year.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH TO BE INVESTIGATED

MEN ARRESTED BY POLICE STILL HELD WITHOUT BAIL BUT THEIR STORIES ARE UNSHAKEN.

By Associated Press.
Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 10.—Circuit Judge Sorrell today called a special session of the grand jury to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to investigate the murder Wednesday night of William Chaney, an automobile sales man and overseas veteran found dead of a gunshot wound near the scene of a collision between his automobile and another.

Two men who brought the body to the hospital, two negro taxicab drivers and a man said to have been with Chaney in his car have been held without bail since early yesterday. The officers so far have been unable to shake their stories.

BANK SUSPENDED.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 10.—The F. & M. Bank of Paducah posted a notice on its door this morning that it suspended on account of general conditions.

CORDIAL RELATIONS.

By Associated Press.
Peking, Dec. 9.—Utmost cordiality marked the exchange of visits between Admiral Gleaves, Commander of the American Asiatic Fleet, and General Yui, the Japanese commander in Tsingtau, during the Admiral's recent visit in that port. A special dispatch reaching Peking laid stress upon that feature of an otherwise formal event. Dinners were exchanged on board the flag ship and at the principal hotel, whereat sentiments of the most friendly character were exchanged.

General Yui in proposing a toast to the visitors, referred in disquieting reports concerning relations between the countries represented and expressed the conviction that they were due to misconceptions by an unformed element of the population both in Japan and America. Admiral Gleaves, in replying, is quoted as having voiced a similar opinion.

Motor cars were placed at the disposal of the naval officers for extended sight-seeing expeditions which with the social events arranged filled the entire three days' visit.

HARRY GREB VS. JEFF SMITH.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10.—One of the most promising pugilistic matches pulled off in Pittsburgh this winter is scheduled for tomorrow night, when Harry Greb and Jeff Smith are to mix for 10 rounds in the main event of a boxing show arranged by one of the local clubs. The two fighters are reported in excellent condition and as they are evenly matched, the local devotees of the boxing game expect to witness a lively bout.

By Associated Press.

Santa Rosa, Calif., Dec. 10.—George Boyd, Terence Pitts and Charles Valento, accused of murdering Sheriff Petray and Detectives Jackson and Dorman Sunday afternoon last, were taken from the jail here early this morning and hanged. A mob of 50 to 100 men, all wearing black masks, entered the jail at 12:30 this morning, overpowered the officers and removed the prisoners to waiting automobiles. The three men were taken to the cemetery and hanged from an oak tree. The headlights of automobiles were used to light the tree selected. The men were ex-convicts, Boyd having served two terms, Pitts three and Valento one. Boyd and Valento were identified last Monday by three young women as members of a gang that attacked them in a house in Howard street, San Francisco.

WENT TO FORT WORTH.

By Associated Press.

Went to Fort Worth.
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 10.—Local officials who have been searching for Clara Smith, wanted in Ardmore, Oklahoma, in connection with the death of Jake Hamon, expressed the belief today that she had gone to Fort Worth to see friends and attorneys before surrendering. Her family here does not deny that she has left El Paso or Juarez.

EDITOR ASKS DAMAGES.

By Associated Press.
Houston, Texas, Dec. 10.—G. V. Sanders, editor of the Houston Press, today filed suit for \$15,000 damages against Colonel Billie Mayfield and three junior officers of the Texas National Guard. Sanders' suit is based on his attempted arrest by the three officers, said to be acting under Mayfield's orders, last summer in Houston for utterances of his paper concerning the military regime in Galveston.

MURDERER ESCAPED.

By Associated Press.
Peking, Dec. 10.—General Chang Chingyao, whose troops murdered Rev. W. A. Reimert, missionary of the Reformed Church Mission, at Yochow, last June, and for whose trial and punishment the American Legation has been pressing the Chinese Foreign Office, is reported to have escaped from China and gone to Japan.

In response to the Legation's representations the Chinese authorities had ordered the arrest of General Chang, and he was alleged to be in the custody of General Wang Chanyuan, military governor of Hupeh, pending trial. He already had been required to pay over to the Mission an indemnity of \$45,000. The legation is now informed that General Chang has secretly left China.

NEW BANK OF ISSUE.

By Associated Press.
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 9.—Creation of a bank of issue and re-discount is being urged here by newspapers representative of the business interests as a means of giving elasticity to the country's credit system. It has been suggested that the Bank of Brazil be given re-discounting powers pending the creation of a special institution. Such procedure, it is stated, would release the sum equivalent to about \$200,000,000 which banks throughout the country are now keeping in their own coffers. Pro-government newspapers state that this solution is being carefully studied by the president.

Periodical monetary crises in Brazil are said by business bodies to be largely due to the lack of elasticity in the credit system and to inadequacy of the present volume of circulating currency for the increased volume of trade.

The measure described has been suggested by senators as a substitute for the project just passed by the Chamber of Deputies authorizing a further issue of paper money.

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN.

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TIMES WANT ADS. Money Makers

ASKED PUNISHMENT FOR ALLEGED TRUST

TRADE COMMISSION SAYS FARM IMPLEMENTS HAVE BEEN USED TO EXPLOIT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Reopening of the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester Company and the institution of "judicial proceedings" against a number of associations having to do with farm implements was recommended in the federal trade commission's annual report presented today in the senate by Vice President Marshall. The commission says an increase of 73 per cent in farm implements from 1914 to 1918 "in part was due to price understandings or agreements between manufacturers, and to a more limited extent the same is true of the dealers." Judicial proceedings against associations who have been active in restraining trade are proposed.

AGED FARMER SHOT IN RAID ON ROBBERS

KILLED WHILE AIDING SHERIFF TO ROUND UP MEN SUSPECTED OF CRIMES.

By Associated Press.
Atoka, Okla., Dec. 10.—G. W. Bradley, aged 72, was shot to death by alleged hold-up men last night at Caney, about 10 miles south of here, while assisting a deputy sheriff in rounding up a gang suspected of having committed a number of offenses here. One man was captured but two others escaped, according to the county authorities.

REPORT EARTHQUAKES.

By Associated Press.
San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Dec. 10.—Terrific earthquakes occurred in Choluteca, southern Honduras, according to reports received here today but details are lacking. Very violent shocks were also felt Wednesday at Chinandega and Corinto, western Nicaragua, twenty-five earth tremors shaking Corinto.

ROASTING THE PLAYERS.

By Associated Press.
Madrid, Dec. 10.—The execrations uttered by the indignant baseball fan against the unlucky or awkward player in America are as gentle murmurs compared with the epithets hurled by the occupants of the gallery at the contestants in the game of handball in the playgrounds of Madrid. "Rogue!" "Thief!" "Convict!" "Idiot!" are some of the mild terms with which the players are greeted when they miss a ball or send it back in an easy position for the opponent to play it.

The reason for this excitement is the prevalent betting, in which the women spectators participate as much as the men. Professional bookmakers attend all matches and their shouts of the odds for and against the players are mixed with the cries of the gambling spectators until the scene resembles a bazaar.

The fine points of the game are lost on most of those filling the seats. What they go for is to gamble and the players are merely a means to that end.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Saturday fair; warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 73 degs.

Min. temp. 41 degs.

General direction of wind: North-east.

Clear.

WOULD STOP PROGRESS.

When "Geordie" Stephenson, the inventor of the steam railway, was asked what would happen if a cow were to walk on the track in front of his engine, he said drily: "It would be bad for the cow."

And when one sees every attempt made by some to interfere with action tending to prevent the introduction of dangerous insect pests into this country, merely because the quarantine might interfere with their individual profits, he is apt to wonder what would become of their opposition profile, he is apt to wonder what would become of their opposition if the federal government were to move onward.

Much has been said about the danger of permitting the pink boll worm to enter from Mexico, and many suggestions have been made, some even suggesting that a zone several miles wide along the border be set aside, in which the planting of cotton should be prohibited for a term of years.

Immediately some people set up the cry: "It would ruin us!" with the egotistical emphasis upon the personal pronoun. They urge that there has been no pink boll worm infestation in their particular section; that the boll worm could not be introduced through the growing of cotton on this side of the border; and finally, that the boll worm is not considered as a dangerous pest in the Laguna section of Mexico, as there is even some doubt as to whether there really is a boll worm!

There are many people who will remember the introduction of the boll weevil from the very same section of Mexico. And its disastrous trail still extends through the entire cotton belt, no section ever having succeeded in entirely eradicating it.

The introduction of the boll weevil was due to the same lack of precaution as the opponents of the restrictions are now urging. The same cry of "No danger to Texas" resounded throughout the entire state, until the pest was well beyond our borders on its way to the North and the East.

The damage done by the boll weevil is incalculable. No one has ever attempted to estimate the total damage caused by this terrible pest, but although some have attempted to estimate what it would mean in productive value to be entirely free from it.

It must be remembered that the first accusation of "alarmism" arose when Noah began to build his ark. No one had ever heard of a flood; it was impossible that a flood should ever attain dangerous proportions, and Noah was laughed at as an alarmist and a mischief-maker.

There are those who would not care if the boll weevil destroyed every cotton-growing section of the South except their own particular field. There are some who are even capable of calculating the benefit it would confer upon them if other people were only able to raise a half or a quarter crop, provided their own productive capacity were not lowered.

Had the people of Texas been active in the fight against the boll weevil when it was first discovered making inroads into our cotton fields; had the same knowledge of control of insect pests then been available, it might have resulted in incalculable benefit to the entire country.

But now that we know what damage may come from supine inaction in regard to stamping out the dread, new pest and preventing its further introduction, it would be the height of folly to relax our efforts or to protest against any measures that are urged as a means of keeping our cotton fields free from the new menace.

Some people attempt to imitate the store war in their opposition to the irresistible force of progress. In reality, they are merely opposing scenes also to be seen as the force of men are at work about the pillars of the American side of the boundary line.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

Some few years ago the government's anti-trust suits against the International Harvester Company were withdrawn, after one of the justices of the federal supreme court declared that the "harvester trust" was in reality a beneficent trust, and that its activities had resulted in reducing the price of practically every farm implement to the farmer.

According to the report of the federal trade commission, the harvester trust is no longer "beneficent," for it is directly charged with being responsible for an increase of 73 per cent in the cost to the farmer of all farm implements since 1914, and reopening of the government's suit against the trust is recommended. In addition, a number of associations dealing in farm implements are declared to be guilty of making price agreements or understandings which have materially increased the cost to the farmers.

It is too early to decide which is right in this contention, for there is no doubt that the cost of wood, steel and all other materials used in the manufacture of farm implements has increased since the war began, and many other machines used in other industries have increased as to selling price much more than the farm implements.

During the war many of the implement factories were engaged in making munitions for the United States or for foreign countries. This naturally reduced the output of farm machinery, and gave some of the smaller factories a chance to make the more simple farm implements at a profit, something they had not been able to do in competition with the harvest trust.

Of course, the federal trade commission has had access to evidence which is not available to other people, and if the commission is certain that profiteering has been indulged in, or that there has been "restraint of trade" through any agreement or understanding, it no doubt has a basis of information on which to found its charges.

But it is hoped that we are not to have another period of "trust-baiting," with its great cost to the government and its paucity of results. So far we have no record of benefit to the public through the "dissolution" of any trust accused of evil activity.

The Standard Oil was "dissolved" into its component parts, but the great corporation is still in practical control of the petroleum business, and even where it is in competition with other concerns the public reaps no benefit from the anti-trust proceedings.

Big business will always have the advantage over small concerns. And as a rule the public gains from the association of a number of concerns into a trust or whatever it may be called.

Much is said concerning the activities of the packing trust, but one thing is certain; no small concern or combination of small packers could give the public the low prices that are possible with the big combination that reduces its selling cost and its advertising expense and is able to undersell its weak competitors.

This is the day of combinations. Reduction of manufacturing costs, of selling costs and of transportation expenses are all brought about by combinations of small concerns under one head.

The International Harvester company was the legitimate outgrowth of the control of patents which gave the combination an advantage over weevil is incalculable. No one has ever attempted to estimate the total damage caused by this terrible pest, but although some have attempted to estimate what it would mean in productive value to be entirely free from it.

It is probable that the "prosecution" of the trust will be more spectacular than profitable, and that it merely represents an activity that is more useful in a political way than any other.

CONSTRUCTION NEW BRIDGE WILL SHORTLY BE STARTED

Much Preliminary Work Has Been Completed and Actual Work of Construction Now About to Start.

Contractor DePuy and his force of men are losing as little time as possible in getting the actual work of construction of the new international footbridge under full headway and the preliminary work has progressed to that extent where everything is now in readiness to begin the real construction work within a very short time on the handsome structure that will span the Rio Grande between the two Laredos within the next nine months.

Besides erecting warehouses, storage sheds and other work, securing of material to be used in construction, etc., the heavy machinery for the work is arriving. Today the huge hoisting engine which will be used to lift heavy lifting on the site of construction was hauled through the streets and created an interesting sight, as railroad rails had to be used to roll the big machine on and horses and trucks took a hand in the transportation work. On the site of the new bridge there are some animated scenes also to be seen as the force of men are at work about the pillars of the American side of the boundary line.

Visiting Old Stamping Grounds.

F. F. Helf, formerly local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. office here, and who is now chief operator of the Western Union in Beaumont, is here on a short visit. Mr. Helf says when his vacation time came he decided there was no better place on earth to spend it than in Laredo, so he came here to shake hands with old friends and take a long, wistful look at the old Rio Grande.

WILL REMAIN OVER MONDAY TO GIVE "MADAM BUTTERFLY"

Mexican-Italian Opera Co. From Mexico City Greeted by Fair-Sized Audience for Drama, "Rigoletto."

The Mexican-Italian Opera Co., from Mexico City, was greeted by a fair-sized audience at the Royal Opera House last night, when they presented the opera, "Rigoletto." Those who attended the performance are loud in their praise of the gifted vocalists participating in the program.

The company, which comprises some of the greatest musical artists of old Mexico, have decided to remain over in Laredo for a few days and on Monday evening at the Royal Opera House they will present "Madame Butterfly." No doubt the Royal will be crowded Monday to witness this popular opera.

LEFT FOR HOME LAST NIGHT AFTER THE CONCERTS HERE

BANDA ESTADO MAYOR GAVE FAREWELL CONCERT-YESTERDAY

People of Laredo Feel Very Grateful For the Rare Musical Treat Given Them by the Great Band.

After giving a series of three open air concerts in this city, one on Thursday evening in front of the federal building, another on Friday afternoon at Fort McIntosh and the final one yesterday afternoon from 2 to 3:30 o'clock in front of the federal building, the Banda Estado Mayor, the great musical organization of Mexico which arrived here Thursday afternoon from Galveston, departed for their headquarters in Mexico City last night.

All the concerts given here attracted large crowds of appreciative people, especially the opening concert on Thursday night, which attracted the largest crowd ever assembled in Laredo, the number of people attending the initial concert being estimated at from 8,000 to 10,000 people. Another large crowd including the officers and men of Fort McIntosh, and many Laredo people and visitors, enjoyed the concert on the parade grounds at Fort McIntosh yesterday forenoon, while about 3,000 people enjoyed the final concert given in front of the federal building yesterday afternoon.

The people of Laredo feel very grateful and thankful to the Mexican government for affording them the greatest musical treat ever enjoyed, and at some future date it is hoped that the Banda Estado Mayor will be brought back here to give more of their delightful and high-class music. Now that the unsettled conditions following the world war have assumed the normal again in this country and the republic of Mexico has gone back to peace and prosperity following a long siege of revolutionary troubles, Laredo may plan a big celebration of Washington's Birthday anniversary in February, as had been the custom for years past prior to the war, and if the celebration is held it is probable that the Estado Mayor Band and other big musical organizations of Mexico will be invited here, and the mere fact that the Estado Mayor Band was attending the celebration would prove a drawing card for thousands of people from both Texas and Mexico.

SELL U. S. GOVERNMENT BACON MAKE BIG MONEY.

A big opportunity for men and women to sell U. S. Government Bacon at about half present market price. Farmers, city people, everyone wants this fine, delicious side bacon. We have over 100,000 of this bacon and canned meats and are prepared to offer it so you can sell it at 25c a pound and make big money. We want agents in every locality. Salesmen out of work, here is your chance to be of real service to the public and make money at the same time. Women who want extra Christmas money and can get orders from their friends and neighbors can also make good money. No investment except for your sample case of bacon. Write today for our proposition—tomorrow may be too late. Only limited number of applicants accepted. Send no money but write now. This is a wonderful opportunity. We also can interest wholesalers, jobbers and retailers who can buy in car load lots.

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ARE HELD FOR DEPORTATION AND ARE IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Six Germans and One Woman Arrested on Thursday Night Will Be Deported Within Short Time.

The six German men and one German woman who were apprehended by United States immigration inspectors when they tried to enter this country from Mexico in an illegal manner Thursday night near Laredo, are being held prisoners in the county jail here pending deportations proceedings. The seven Germans will be deported either to Mexico or to Germany.

They give their names as Mr. and Mrs. Clement Martin, Herman Kottz, Wilhelm Hornig, Egan Oathe, Paul Scholier, all the men being former Prussian soldiers, and Frederick Hornig, who was a resident of the United States during the war. They state that they wanted to enter the United States to make their homes.

First Carload of Spinach Shipped.

The first solid carload of spinach for the season of 1920 was shipped out of Laredo last night by express, the produce being grown by Rev. J. H. Ward, and going direct to St. Louis. Another carload goes out by express this evening.

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN, 12-2101.

LAREDO DELEGATION BACK SOMEWHAT TIRED, BUT WELL

ARRIVED IN NUEVO LAREDO AFTER MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT.

All the Members of the Trip Had a Great Time and Return to Their Homes Here in Best of Spirits.

The "Gateway Special," carrying the Laredo Chamber of Commerce delegation which left here on the evening of November 27 to attend the inauguration of President Obregon in Mexico City on December 1, and which then went on a tour of the principal cities of Mexico, are home again, somewhat tired out from the journey and the constant receptions given them, "but still in the ring."

The special train bearing the Laredo delegation homeward arrived in Nuevo Laredo about midnight last night, and as it was too late for the train to be brought to the American side of the Rio Grande, the Laredo delegation bunched in their special cars on the Mexican side and came to Laredo about 8 o'clock this morning. They were kept busy for a time gathering their personal belongings, and while they are all feeling in fine spirits, they will feel somewhat tired out for a few days.

Governor-elect Pat M. Neff, who accompanied the Laredo delegation as their guest of honor on the journey to the inauguration and then over Mexico, returned with the excursionists this morning and proceeded northward to his home in Waco on the morning train. To friends who greeted him at the railway station this morning Mr. Neff was enthusiastic about the trip and said it was one of the most pleasant events of his life and he shall always remember the business men of Laredo for the many hospitalities accorded him.

Entertainment Committee Thanks Citizens.

The committee in charge of the entertainment of the visiting Mexican Band desires to express their hearty appreciation of the splendid co-operation afforded them in looking after the visitors. Special thanks are due the authorities at Fort McIntosh for providing sleeping-quarters and beds and for otherwise assisting the committee. Mayor Villegas and the city police force co-operated in their official capacity and the mayor personally donated the services of his private car and one of his large trucks from the National Motor Co. Postmaster J. N. Worsham, custodian of the federal building, granted the use of the grounds. The Boy Scouts under their Scoutmaster demonstrated that they are a civic organization of which Laredo can afford to be proud as their loyal assistance and splendid discipline was of great assistance in handling the crowds. Last, but by no means least, the committee wishes to thank all of our citizens for the universal good humor and spirit of fairness with which they submitted to the restrictions and the regulations necessary in connection with the handling of so large a crowd.

F. A. MATTHEWS.

For the Chamber of Commerce.

Ordination Service.

There will be held an unusually interesting service at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. At a recent congregational meeting one additional elder and three additional deacons were elected to office. These men will be ordained and installed at the evening service Sunday and a most cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend this service. These newly elected officers of the Presbyterian Church are Dr. H. M. Austin as an elder, and Sergeant John S. Toppins, Mr. E. G. Hagadorn of the Federal Horticultural Board and Dr. A. E. McCulloch as deacons.

CARNIVAL HERE NEXT WEEK FOR BENEFIT THE SOLDIERS

Three-Day Carnival Will Be Held at Soldiers Club for Benefit of the Christmas Fund of Soldiers.

Two years ago one of the most successful carnival attractions even given in Laredo took place at the quarters of the Soldiers Club in this city, when the Christmas Carnival of the soldiers was given and attracted large crowds each evening during the time that the festival was in progress.

On December 16, 17 and 18 another carnival will be given at the Soldiers Club, on the second floor of the Little building, and many new attractions will be offered visitors. The carnival is given as a benefit for the Christmas fund to be used in providing a Merry Christmas for soldiers and their families, and everybody in Laredo should turn out to the carnival and help make it a grand success.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Sunday cloudy; local rains.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 72 degs. Min. temp. 41 degs. General direction of wind: Northeast. Clear.

LOCAL NEWS

Community dance at the Soldiers Club tonight at 8:30. Music by the 17th Inf. Band.

The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of lead, one carload of calamine, one carload of bones, one carload of dried blood, three carloads of litle, two carloads of baskets and three carloads of beer.

—Everything looks like a big, prosperous year in 1921. And lest ye forget, how about Laredo holding a big celebration in February in honor of the birthday anniversary of the immortal G. Washington? The celebrations in that year were great ones—in 1921 it can be made still greater, if arrangements are started in ample time. Do it now!

—Weather conditions have been threatening rain for the past two days, but none of the precious fluid Laredo about 8 o'clock this morning. They were kept busy for a time gathering their personal belongings, and while they are all feeling in fine spirits, they will feel somewhat tired out for a few days.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Both From The Same Town.

Born in the same town within a few years of each other, John C. King and Edwin Sturgis met for the first time at the Paragon Studio, Fort Lee, during the filming of R. A. Walsh's first independent production, "The Deep Purple," coming to the Royal Theatre, on Saturday-Sunday.

King and Sturgis were engaged to play prominent roles in Walsh's screen presentation of the famous Armstrong-Mizner stage success. They were introduced. After an exchange of the usual felicitities Sturgis asked King where he came from.

"I'm from Griffin, Georgia," said King.

"That's funny," returned the surprised Sturgis, "I was born there."

And it developed that as boys, both had attended the same school and church, dived in the same swimming hole, fished in the same stream and had been thrown together on frequent occasions without becoming acquainted. Both agreed that Fate is a capricious creature.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 11.

Henry F. Lippitt, mentioned for the post of Secretary of Commerce in the next cabinet, is serving his second term as United States senator from Rhode Island. Senator Lippitt is a native and resident of Providence. He was graduated from Brown University in 1878 and entering the cotton mills, worked his way from the ranks of a day operator up to the position of general manager. The interrelations of banking and manufacturing soon led him into many directorates in banks and trading corporations. In 1911 he was selected by the Republicans of Rhode Island to serve in the United States senate and at the conclusion of his first term he was re-elected. In the senate Mr. Lippitt has been on the committees dealing with interstate commerce and the Philippines.

RUSSIANS IN CHINA.

By Associated Press. Peking, Dec. 10.—Russians in China are having a difficult time in establishing their status and rights since the Chinese government severed relations with the legation which represented the government of the late Russian Emperor Nicholas. This left them without representation since the Chinese government has not established diplomatic relations with the Soviet government of Russia.

The condition in which the Russians are placed by this turn of events is illustrated by the fact that the military governor of the northern province of Manchuria has asked the Chinese government whether Russian offenders are now liable to the death penalty like the Chinese, since the governor understood that Russian offenders were amenable to Chinese law.

The question was referred to the Chinese ministry of justice and the foreign office for consideration.

In an effort to solve the problem of the standing of the Russians now in China, several non-political organizations in Harbin, Tientsin and Hankow have asked the Chinese Foreign Minister to appoint a Russian administrator to have control of Russian affairs in China. They ask that Russian councillors be appointed to assist Chinese commissioners in centers where there is considerable Russian population.

The Russian petitioners requested that legal cases affecting the property or personal rights of Russian citizens in China be left to the decision of Russian courts in conformity with the Russian code.

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Dance at the Latin-American Club in the evening.

Dance at the Soldier's Club in the evening.

The Cotillion Class will meet at the Woman's Club at 7:30 o'clock in the evening under the direction of Mrs. J. A. MacDonald.

Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church meets at 6:45 at the church Sunday evening.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at the Baptist Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will meet in the church at 6:45 p. m.

Monday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitations, parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing. The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

Mise be a cot beside the hill, A bee-hive's hum shall soothe my ear;

A willow brook that turns a mill, With many a fall shall linger near.

The swallow, oft, beneath my thatch, Shall twitter from her clay-built nest;

Or shall the pilgrim lift the latch, And share my meal, a welcome guest.

—Samuel Rodgers.

General Mention.

The following are among the Laredo guests who attended the Leyendecker-de la Garza wedding at the Randolph Thursday: Misses Lamar Leyendecker, Virginia Penn, Stella Leal, Ruth White, Irene Gomez and Irene Leyendecker; Mrs. J. S. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Leyendecker Sr. and Mrs. Claffin.

Miss Mary Louise Trice left Thursday night from the Ursuline Academy, where she has been a pupil for the past three and a half years. She will join her parents at her old home in Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Snyder of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Bueenz.

Mrs. F. W. Mally returned home yesterday from Bryan, Houston and San Antonio, where she visited friends for the past several weeks.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Crocker arrived in the city yesterday from Des Moines, Iowa. Lieutenant Crocker will be at the Aviation Field.

Prof. F. W. Mally returned last night from Mexico after a tour of the Republic.

Announcements.

The Revelers will entertain with a dance on Tuesday, December 23th.

The Woman's Missionary Society will have an important business meeting on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Methodist church. There will be an election of officers. All members are requested to be present.

Honoring Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

One of the most enjoyable events of this week was the reception Thursday evening given in the parlors of the Methodist church by the members of the church to welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred. The harvest effect was beautifully carried out in the decorations. Autumn leaves, fruits and chrysanthemums were used in profusion. The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson and introduced to the honor guests, Rev. and Mrs. Fred, who were assisted in receiving by Dr. and Mrs. Skinner, Rev. and Mrs. Knight, Chaplain and Mrs. Isbell and Mrs. J. E. White.

The following splendid program was given during the evening: Overture Miss Genevieve Camp

Solo Mrs. Allan Stowers
Welcome Address Rev. L. H. Wharton.

Response Rev. M. K. Fred
Violin Solo Miss Verna Kelly
Reading Miss Consuelo Saenz
Solo Mrs. Sue J. Smith
Reading Miss Celeste Hamilton
Solo Mrs. Travis Bruce Dunn
Reading Mrs. William Jackson.
At the conclusion of the program delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Tutwiler, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Northmore poured coffee and tea from handsomely laid tables; while Misses Orville Seaman, Ada Johnson, Ethel Webber, Odette Bunn, Margaret Lloyd, and Evelyn Webber served sandwiches and cake. About two hundred guests were received during the evening.

Leyendecker-De la Garza.

The wedding of Mr. B. J. Leyendecker Jr. and Miss Maria de la Garza was solemnized at high noon on December 9 at the Randolph ranch home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo de la Garza, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Eugene Regent. The chapel, where the ceremony took place was beautifully decorated in quantities of white chrysanthemums and ferns. The bridal party entered in the following order: The bride came in with her brother, Bernardo de la Garza Jr., who gave her in marriage and they were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Carlos Palacios, who entered from the side door. Then the bridesmaids entered, walking by twos, Misses Margarita de la Garza, Cecilia Leyendecker, Irene Gomez and Estella Leal. They were followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Carlos Palacios, who entered alone. The bride was lovely in her wedding gown of white satin, heavily embroidered in pearls and draped in real lace. Her veil was worn in Juliet effect and was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shayer bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were attractive costumes of heavy blue messaline, trimmed in red, with hats of corresponding color. The matron of honor was handsomely gowned in Copenhagen blue cloth, with all accessories to match. Immediately after the ceremony, a delightful informal reception was held, during which time an elaborate refreshment course was served. There were about sixty guests who enjoyed the pleasure of the occasion, including intimate friends and relatives. The bride's going-away suit was of Copenhagen blue tulle, with all accessories to match. The many friends of the happy couple join in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

Notice.

Having purchased R. G. Tonkin's interest in garage located at 1011 Matamoros street am in a position to take care of your automobile repairing. Only first class American mechanics, prompt service, right prices and guaranteed work, our motto.

L. B. SMITH, 12-11-61.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of Scott Lord, celebrated New York lawyer and congressman.

Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians, one of the heroines of the World War, celebrates her 45th birthday today.

Three hundred years ago today the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. (This is the actual date, but the new style date is Dec. 21.)

Governor Hobby of Texas has designated today for a State-wide observance of cotton acreage reduction day.

Representative printers of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island confer in Boston today on the unusual conditions prevailing in the printing industry in New England.

A conference of the public lands States highway association is to assemble today in Washington, D. C., to urge the passage of the Chamberlain bill, which aims to continue the present Federal policy of highway aid.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Tenth anniversary of the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, the New York girl whose fate remains a mystery.

Centenary of the birth of James L. Pugh, for many years United States senator from Alabama.

One hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of John Jay, famous statesman, diplomatist, and first Chief Justice of the United States.

Delegates from many countries are to gather today in Montevideo, Uruguay, for the Sixth International Sanitary Conference of the American Republics.

Owing to the conditions now prevailing in Spain, keen interest is manifested in the elections to be held today for the lower house of the Cortes.

CONCESSIONS TO BRITISH. By Associated Press. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 11.—The government of Honduras has granted two concessions to British representatives by which they acquire rights to search for and exploit any oil fields found by them within the territory of Honduras. One of the British syndicates, The British Consolidated Oil Fields, Limited, has already sent its engineers to this country, and they are now searching for oil in various departments of this country.